

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1490  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1490 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
RELIEF FUNDING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the  
University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund to allow the  
Board of Regents to provide student aid in direct response to an  
emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System and University of Hawai'i  
Student Caucus.

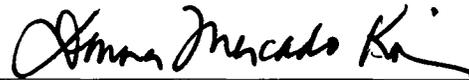
Your Committee finds that each University of Hawaii campus  
has institutional funds available for students facing emergencies  
and crises. However, these funds are noted on students' accounts,  
which can lead to the reduction or reversal of previously awarded  
scholarships or other forms of financial aid and leave students  
feeling penalized for receiving relief funds. This measure will  
help provide students with support during a time of crisis and  
thus help increase retention and student success.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1490, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1490, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



