

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2338
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2338, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend:

- (1) The Hawaii Community College Promise Program to maximize the financial support for students while aligning with federal regulations and to exclude grants, scholarships, and other funding sources from the calculation of awards; and
- (2) The definition of "direct cost" to align more closely with federal financial aid regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; HawaiiKidsCAN; Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2338, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



