

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 67

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 6, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1288

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1288 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII SECTION
529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to continue to assist and
encourage Hawaii's families to set aside funds for future higher
education expenses through Hawaii's College Savings Program
(Program) by helping to increase participation in the Program, and
increasing the Program's assets to command a lower program
management fee.

Specifically, this bill provides an income tax deduction for
contributions to the Program.

The Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Business,
Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Taxation, and
Hawaii Association of Independent Schools testified in support of
this bill. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

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 H.B.
No. 1288 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be
referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



JERRY L. CHANG Chair



