

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3190

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 184

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 184 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAI'I TO REPORT ON HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE COMMISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii to report on Higher Education Student Financial Assistance
Commissions in other states.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the
University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee finds that the State, in the present as well
as the future, requires a highly-qualified and trained workforce
to meet the changing demands of State and the world. The cost of
postsecondary education is a huge burden and often a complete
barrier for many. Efforts to increase access to education and
training are necessary to ensure a qualified workforce.
Currently, the Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Commission has a
limited scope of serving as a vehicle for receiving federal funds.
However, in other jurisdictions, similar entities, state higher
education financial assistance commissions, work to improve
student access to pursue higher education and state educational
capital. This measure requests the University of Hawaii to study
higher education student financial assistance commissions of other
states and report to the Legislature to determine the appropriate
structure for Hawaii to follow. Your Committee determines that

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this study is necessary to increase access to higher education and will ultimately benefit the State as a whole.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 184 and recommends its adoption.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
GABBARD, Mike	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	3

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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