

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1062

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 244

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 244 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help increase the University of Hawaii's (UH) accountability for meeting the educational needs of the State by requiring UH to periodically review state needs related to higher education outcomes and indicators and monitor and report biennially on its progress toward achieving the outcomes.

UH supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by requiring:

- (1) The University of Hawaii Board of Regents (Board) to periodically review and recommend amendments to the priority guidelines for quality education under the Hawaii State Planning Act;
- (2) The Board to develop a functional plan, including strategic goals, outcomes, and performance indicators, to implement state policies for education;

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- (3) The functional plan to include the objectives required under the previously-defined benchmarks;
- (4) The Board to apply the functional plan in the development of their budget request to the Legislature; and
- (5) UH to submit a biennium report on the functional plan in the second year of each fiscal biennium.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 244, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 244, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


SCOTT NISHIMOTO, Chair



