

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

506

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 542

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 542 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the fiscal
operations of the State by:

- (1) Requiring the Director of Finance to submit to the
Legislature at least once per fiscal year a master list
of all non-general fund accounts and a clear and concise
statement indicating whether each department or agency
is complying with its statutory reporting requirements
and requiring agencies to self-report compliance in
agency operational plans;
- (2) Removing limitations on the scope of review of the
University of Hawaii's fiscal operations plan by the
Department of Budget and Finance; and
- (3) Applying generally applicable limitations on an agency's
transfer of money and positions among programs, cost
elements, and fiscal quarters to the University of
Hawaii.



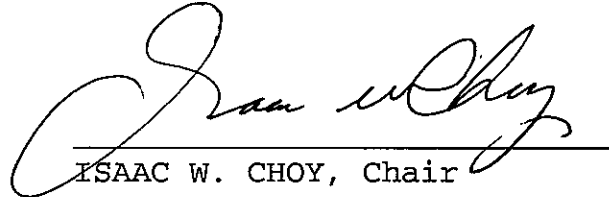
The University of Hawaii opposed this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have:
 - (A) Required agency self-reporting of compliance with fiscal reporting requirements; and
 - (B) Removed exceptions for the University of Hawaii from limitations on fiscal review and the transfer of money and positions; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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 H.B. No. 542, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 542, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



