

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

88

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 546

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 546 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to provide nonsupervisory employees in blue collar positions and certain officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining with the same educational benefits provided to faculty of the University of Hawaii and the community college system.

The United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO testified in support of this measure. The University of Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Government Employees Association provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee is cognizant of concerns raised by legislatively mandating benefits that may be more appropriately addressed through collective bargaining; we encourage further discussion of this issue by your Committee on Higher Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 546 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 546	Committee Referral: LAB, HED, FIN	Date: 2/6/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				/
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda				/
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. LOPRESTI, Matthew S.	/			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	/			
TOTAL (12)	10			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin-top: -10px;"> </div>				
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