STAND. COM. REP. NO. 729

Honolulu, Hawaii

March G

, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 553 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create a new bargaining unit to allow graduate student assistants employed by the University of Hawaii to collectively bargain.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa Graduate Student Organization, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, and numerous concerned individuals supported the measure. The University of Hawaii, Department of Budget and Finance, and Office of Collective Bargaining testified in opposition. The Department of the Attorney General and Hawaii Government Employees Association submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 553, HD1	Committee Referral: LAB, HED, FIN		Date: 2/26/15		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)					
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)					
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.					
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.					
5. DECOITE, Lynn					
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling					
7. JORDAN, Jo					
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand					
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.					
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.					
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.					
14. POUHA, Feki					
15. WARD, Gene					
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TOTAL (15)	(3	2			
The recommendation is: Adopted					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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