

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 327

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 327 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate \$225,000 in general funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions to the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council to help the State and the University of Hawaii meet strategic goals for access and diversity in higher education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System, University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council, University of Hawaii Pamantasan Executive Council, Filipino American Citizens League, Nursing Advocates & Mentors Inc., Kabataang maka-Bayan/Pro-People Youth (KmB), Filipinos for Affirmative Action, and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that despite their high representation in the general population and schools within the Department of Education, students of Filipino ancestry are underrepresented in the University of Hawaii System. Filipino students comprise only twelve percent of the entire University of Hawaii System student population. Six percent of the community colleges faculty and two and one half percent of the University of Hawaii at Manoa faculty are of Filipino ancestry. The fifteen percent postsecondary degree rate held by Filipinos is the lowest among all ethnic groups in Hawaii.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 327 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

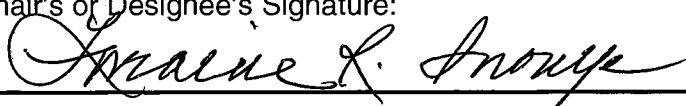
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education
and the Arts,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
HEA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>SB 327</i>	<i>HEA, WAM</i>	<i>2/03/2015</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓	
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓	
GABBARD, Mike		✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn		✓
SLOM, Sam		✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes