

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 1, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 547
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 547, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that University of Hawaii students receive guidance toward graduation by:

- (1) Requiring the University of Hawaii to explore administrative measures to provide guidance to students to increase the rate of on-time graduation, and to include specific elements if a Graduation Pathway System is developed;
- (2) Requiring the University of Hawaii to submit a report to the Legislature if the University elects to develop a Graduation Pathway System; and



- (3) Appropriating funds to establish the Graduation Pathway System and fund full-time equivalent positions.

This measure also appropriates funds for renovations, repairs, and improvements to the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Your Committee on Conference finds that elements of a Graduation Pathway System should include:

- (1) Structured, default pathways where, upon choosing a major course of study, students are defaulted into the required classes they need to complete to graduate with a baccalaureate degree in that course of study;
- (2) Academic maps, including a sequential, prescriptive schedule of classes for each meta-major and major course of study;
- (3) An intrusive advising model that includes the use of high school performance and other measures to recommend broad academic pathways and present default pathways for students; and
- (4) Data on the dynamics of the local employment market, including employment availability.

Such a course of study will provide students with guidance to increase the rate of on-time graduation, thereby strengthening educational outcomes for higher education students across the state.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifically requiring the University of Hawaii to provide guidance to students to increase the rate of on-time graduation through the development of a Graduation Pathway System and include specific elements in developing such a system, rather than simply requiring the University to explore administrative measures to achieve these goals;
- (2) Requiring the University of Hawaii to submit a report to the Legislature on its efforts to explore administrative measures to provide guidance to students within the University of Hawaii system to increase the rate of on-time graduation, including updates on progress toward the development of the Graduation Pathway System, rather than



requiring a report only if the University of Hawaii elects to develop a Graduation Pathway System;

- (3) Removing the appropriations to fund full-time equivalent positions;
- (4) Appropriating \$500,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the development of the Graduation Pathway System;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2015; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 547, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 547, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



RONALD D. KOUCHI, Co-Chair



ISAAC W. CHOY, Co-Chair



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure

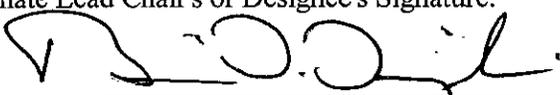
The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.

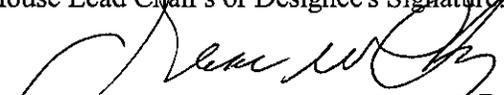
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
TANIGUCHI, Brian T., Chr.	✓				CHOY, Isaac W., Co-Chr.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D., Co-Chr.	✓				YAMASHITA, Kyle T., Co-Chr.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓	AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
					ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
					MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL	2			1	TOTAL	5			

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is:
 Adopted Not Adopted

House Recommendation is:
 Adopted Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:


House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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