

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 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 Higher Education, 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 students employed by the University of
Hawaii to collectively bargain.

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, University of
Hawaii at Manoa Graduate Student Organization, Hawaii State AFL-
CIO, Unite Here Local 5 Hawaii, and numerous individuals testified
in support of this measure. The Office of Collective Bargaining,
Department of Budget and Finance, and University of Hawaii System
opposed this measure. The Hawaii Government Employees Association
provided comments.

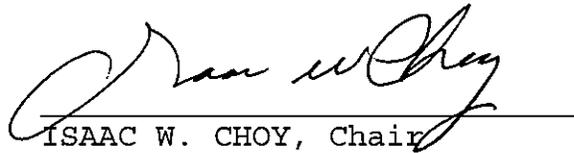
Your Committee respectfully recommends that should your
Committee on Finance choose to consider this measure, particular
attention should be given to whether it is appropriate to amend
section 89-6(f), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to exempt graduate
students from the list of individuals excluded from collective
bargaining.

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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. 553, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



