

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2332

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2939

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2939 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the University of Hawaii to continue to maintain a separate accounting and financial management system that is compatible with the State accounting and financial management system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System and Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii has maintained a separate accounting system since 1986 that has been compatible with State accounting system requirements and generally accepted accounting principles. Your Committee further finds that the University recently upgraded its accounting system and is now using a university-based financial management software that was developed and is supported by a consortium of universities throughout the country. The current financial system serves the unique needs of the University's reporting, regulatory, and accreditation requirements and allows for compatibility with external partners such as the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee finds that if the University's authority to implement its own accounting system is allowed to sunset, the University will have to return to an older financial management



system that is designed for more traditional state government entities rather than university systems. The language in this measure would prevent that process from taking place.

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. 2939 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

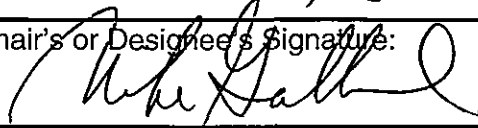


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education and the Arts**  
**HEA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2939</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HEA, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-9-16</b>		
<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)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	—	—	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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