

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1277

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1277 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow full-time graduate
students employed by the University of Hawaii to collectively
bargain.

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Hawaii
Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO,
Hawaii State Teachers Association, IMUAlliance, Graduate Student
Organization at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and numerous
individuals supported this measure. The University of Hawaii,
Office of Collective Bargaining, and Department of Budget and
Finance opposed this measure. The Democratic Party of Hawaii
commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Making it apply to graduate student assistants employed
for a minimum of 20 hours a week by the University of
Hawaii;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to
facilitate further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical and nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and style.

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. 1277, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1277, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1277	Committee Referral: HED, LAB, FIN	Date: 2/2/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
9. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 100px; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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