

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 425
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 425, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Make certain sections of the Code of Ethics inapplicable to technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii if the activities comply with the regulatory framework and research compliance program approved by the Board of Regents; and
- (2) Require the Board of Regents to submit written status reports on its regulatory framework and research compliance program and technology transfer activities to the Legislature prior to the convening of each Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission and Common Cause Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that the timely and efficient commercialization of intellectual property created by the University of Hawaii's basic and applied research can make valuable contributions to the economic health and diversification of the State. The Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii has established a regulatory framework and compliance program to balance the unique benefits and ethical issues specific to university research and technology transfer, and that program incorporates long-standing ethical research principles and technology transfer regulations currently used by the federal government. By specifying sections of the State Ethics Code that will be inapplicable to the University's technology transfer activities, this measure will facilitate technology transfer at the University and benefit the State's economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2018.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 425, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 425, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB425 HDI SDI	Committee Referral: HRE, JDL	Date: 4/4/17		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes