

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

508

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 945

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 945 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION  
AUTHORIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a  
framework for authorizing post-secondary degree-granting  
educational institutions that have applied for accreditation by an  
accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of  
Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that students will benefit if the  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has the authority to  
oversee accreditation-seeking institutions and ensure the  
institutions are making satisfactory progress toward  
accreditation. Your Committee further finds that most states  
across the country issue some type of temporary authorization or  
approval to institutions that are in the process of applying for  
accreditation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of May 12, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 945, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 945, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means.

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

  
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KAINALI I. KAHELE, Chair



