

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2300

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2300 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the accountability of the University of Hawaii by requiring the University to submit a report to the Legislature for each transfer of appropriated funds and positions among programs and between fiscal quarters within 30 days of the transfer.

A concerned individual supported the measure. The University of Hawaii opposed the measure. A concerned individual submitted comments.

While your Committee appreciates the testimony of the University of Hawaii that it reports on any fund transfers or reallocations that deviate from the legislative budget, your Committee notes that these reports are filed on a quarterly and annual basis after transfers have taken place. This precludes the ability of the Legislature to question and review these transfers or reallocations with the University before they happen.

However, it is your Committee's intent to grant maximum flexibility to the University of Hawaii to determine how the required reports will be made to the Legislature.



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. 2300 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



