

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 96
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 96 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 establish statutorily the
Office of the Ombuds at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa Graduate Student
Organization, University of Hawaii Student Caucus, Hawaii
Educational Policy Center, and numerous concerned individuals
supported this measure. The University of Hawaii and a concerned
individual submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its
effective date to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate this measure
further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider
appropriating \$130,000 for the position of the ombuds and \$80,000
for two support positions.

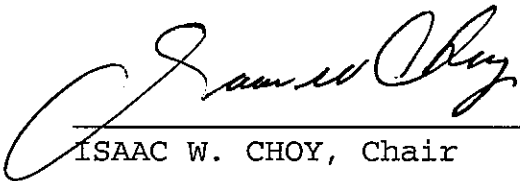
Your Committee also notes that it is worthwhile to consider
having the functions of the Office of the Ombuds at the University
of Hawaii at Manoa be undertaken by the Office of the Ombudsman of
the Legislature.

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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. 96, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 96, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



