

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

178

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 975
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. 975 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help strengthen Hawaii's
economy by:

- (1) Requiring the State Ethics Commission to consider the
research compliance program of the University of Hawaii;
and
- (2) Authorizing the State Ethics Commission to permit
technology transfer arrangements as long as such
arrangements are likely to create specific benefits to
the State or public,

when the State Ethics Commission renders advisory opinions
concerning technology transfer activities conducted by the
University of Hawaii.

The University of Hawaii and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
supported this measure. The State Ethics Commission opposed the
bill.

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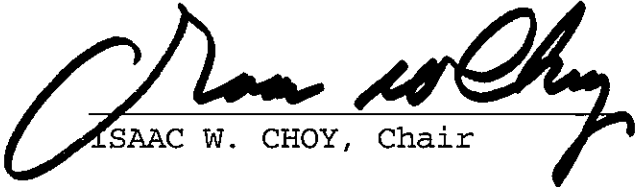


Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2525.

Your Committee notes that the stakeholders testified that they are working on proposed language that would address their concerns. Your Committee asked the stakeholders to work on a bright-line test, which would leave less room for varying interpretation and produce consistent results in its application.

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. 975, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 975, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 975</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HED, JVD, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/5/15</i>		
<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. CHOY, Isaac W. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela	✓			
5. ITO, Ken				✓
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				✓
13. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.		✓		
TOTAL (13)	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichiyama</i></u>				
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