

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1703
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1703, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the resources for student mental health treatment at the University of Hawaii at Manoa by appropriating funds for additional mental health care professionals.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System, the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii Student Caucus, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that, in recent years, college students nationwide have reported increased levels of anxiety and depression. Your Committee further finds that the University of Hawaii at Manoa provided mental health services to approximately 1,300 students during the 2014-2015 school year. However, due to high demand for services, some students with non-urgent mental health care needs were placed on the waitlist for services. Your Committee finds that increasing the number of psychologists and case managers available to assist students will help alleviate the current heavy workload of the Counseling and Student Development Center and increase the University's capacity to assist students through proactive educational efforts.



Your Committee notes that the University of Hawaii has requested 3.00 full-time equivalent psychologist positions at a total estimated cost of \$265,788, and 1.00 full-time equivalent case manager position at an estimated cost of \$75,924.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1703, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1703, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

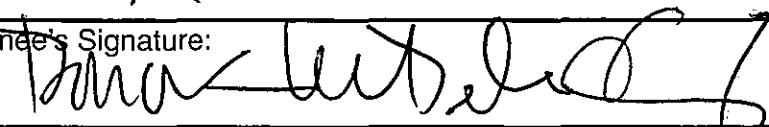


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1703 , HD2	Committee Referral: HEA , WAM	Date: 3/31/16		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TOTAL	8		1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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