

# Leeward Community College Faculty Senate

## Legislative Relations Committee Report

November, 2020

Third Meeting held Nov. 10, 2020

### Members

Erika Molyneux, Naiad Wong, Weirong Cai

### NEW Members

Reina Ojiri (3 others expressed interest, & Betty Ickes will attend when can)

### Topics

- Continued Invitation for membership:
  - emailed faculty at large and division chairs
- Networking:
  - Contacted Chair & Co-Chairs of Senate Committee for Higher Education and Education
    - [Donna Mercado Kim](#)
    - [Michelle N. Kidani](#)
  - Other Senators:
    - Chris Lee of Kailua
    - Scot Miyatoshi of Kaneohe
  - Josh Greene, Re: Covid response & its impact on UHCCs
  - UH Office of Government Relations (no new updates)
  - Newsletters:
    - *Civil Beat*
    - *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*
- Identifying remaining legislative measures from 2020 on [Senate's Higher Education Committee website](#) that affect Leeward CC specifically (Not all the way through reading these):
  - Large-scale items of interest:
    - [SB2073](#) Development and implementation of a K-12 curriculum-to-career-pipeline
    - [HB1904 HD2](#) Uniform Employee and Student Online Privacy Protection Act - Takes effect in 2050?!
    - BOR-related:
      - [SB2572](#) Transfers BOR candidate advisory council to governor's office (sunsets 2024)
      - [SB2991](#) Repeals the requirement that the Governor can only appoint from pools of candidates presented by the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
    - Budget-related:
      - [SB2560](#) Removal of \$3mil cap UH System can spend from tuition & fees special UH Foundation Fund...
      - [SB2928](#) Repeal requirement for UH campuses to prepare annual operations plan and that the moneys in the UH Tuition and Fees Special Fund for each UH

campus lapse to the credit of Program ID No. UOH900 (University of Hawaii, system wide support).

- Multiple Bills removing sunset of laws allowing UH to commercialize discoveries, intellectual properties, and inventions made within the system:
  - [HB2090 HD2](#)
  - [SB2929](#)
  - [SB2930](#)
- Financial & other supports for students:
  - [SB2390](#) Hawaiian language Fluency
  - Hawaiian Language or Hawaiian Majors
  - [SB2134](#) Tuition Waivers for spouses/kids of firefighters injured or killed on duty
  - Nutrition Benefits via EBT cards in cafeteria
  - [SB2608](#) Freedom of Speech & Press for student journalists
  - [SB2767](#) Veterans get priority registration in the UH System.
  - [SB3032](#) Converts the UH CC Promise Program from a scholarship to a forgivable loan program.
- Affecting programs/degrees
  - [SB2300](#) Single articulated Early Childhood training CC programs through UH 4 year institutions.
  - [SB2286](#) Tour guide certification programs. - Possible OCEWD area

## UHPA

Betty Ickes reported no new updates from UHPA.

## Faculty Items of interest

- Impact of State's budget shortfall on salaries, job security, scheduling, benefits, programs, & personnel.
- Government's COVID management (directly impact our enrollment/scheduling & operations)
- Other suggestions?!

## Action steps for next meeting

1. Continue researching existing items on legislature's docket
2. Continue making contacts in legislature
3. Note items of faculty concern to bring to legislators' attention.

## Next Meeting

1pm, Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Zoom.