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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1931
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1931, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for an educational workforce working group under the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, to examine and address workforce and education issues and to submit a report to the legislature.

Furthermore, this measure requires separate reports from the Department of Education and the University of Hawaii on educational or workforce issues. Finally, this measure appropriates funds to the Department of Education to establish workforce development liaison and support staff positions.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. The Department of Education submitted comments.

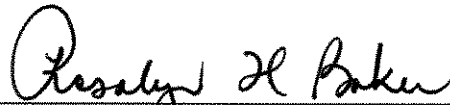
Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary for the State to be able to comprehensively and systematically address the workforce needs of this State, and to meet those needs through the public educational systems.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2050 in order to promote continued discussion of the matter. Your Committee also made technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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 S.B. No. 1931, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1931, S.D. 2.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



