

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 897  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred S.B. No. 897 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$1,000,000 for deposit into the Hawaii 3Ts School Technology Laboratories Fund to expand the Project EAST (Environmental and Spatial Technology) program to Oahu and continuing to expand EAST on the neighbor islands.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, High Technology Development Corporation, Department of Education, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Maui Economic Development Board, Kauai Economic Development Board, Women in Technology, Trex Hawaii, LLC, a teacher at Kaua'i High School, nearly four dozen EAST students from King Kekaulike High School, Baldwin High School, Lahainaluna High School, Maui High School, and Molokai High School, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Project EAST has been very successful in the eight Hawaii public schools that currently offer the program - five on Maui, one on the Big Island, one on Kauai, and the latest EAST on Molokai. In addition, Hawaii students have won extensive honors at each of the national EAST competitions they have attended since the program's inception in Hawaii.



Your Committee heard testimony that spoke to the strengths of EAST in developing team-building and learning skills, as well as the practical applications of technology in problem solving. Members of your Committee were particularly impressed by the student testimony, both for its enthusiasm and maturity.

It is the intent of your Committee to voice strong support for Project EAST and its expansion to Oahu and additional neighbor island schools.

Your Committee has amended the findings and purpose section of this measure to acknowledge the support of the Senate Majority Caucus for Project EAST, and made nonsubstantive, technical amendments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 897, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 897, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Taxation,

  
CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Economic Development and Taxation**  
**EDT**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>SB 897</i>	<i>EDT, WAM</i>	<i>2/7/07</i>		
<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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
IGE, David Y.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Will Eyew</i>				
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