

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

692

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1665
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1665, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the training capacity of the State's community colleges so that they can meet the rapidly evolving needs of employers and employees.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a skilled worker and business development center at each community college; and
- (2) Appropriates federal Reed Act funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be expended in conjunction with the University of Hawaii, to establish each skilled worker and business development center.

Your Committee believes that the State's community colleges can play a critical role in the economic recovery and revitalization of the State. Your Committee finds that community colleges are at the forefront of workforce training and are poised to help employees and employers prepare for changes in the workplace.

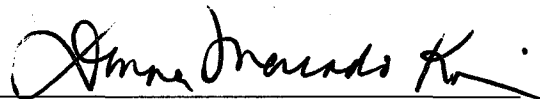
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying that its focus is "workforce development" rather than merely "workforce training";
- (2) Specifying what programs, at a minimum, shall be offered at each workforce development center;
- (3) Clarifying that the University of Hawaii is authorized to expend other appropriated funds and generated revenues to the extent that federal law limits the expenditure of Reed Act funds for the purpose set forth in this measure;
- (4) Specifying the contents of the first annual report to the Legislature to be submitted by the skilled worker and business development center in 2010, regarding establishment of the center, center development plans, funding options, and recommendation for center programs;
- (5) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount;
- (6) Changing the date to July 1, 2070, to facilitate further discussion of the matter;
- (7) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, 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. 1665, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1665, S.D. 2.

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

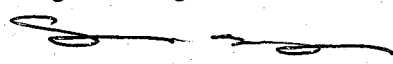


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
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BB 1665 SDI	HRE/LBR, WAM	3/2/09		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	10	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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