

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1128

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1096  
S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1096, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE AND DEVELOPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase students' interest in pursuing math/science and technology careers, thereby improving the State's economic competitiveness through innovation, by:

- (1) Expanding the mission of the Fostering Inspiration and Relevance Through Science and Technology Pre-academy Program to include K-12 robotics; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for various science-, technology-, engineering-, and math-related programs, and K-12 creative media programs, in Hawaii's public schools.

The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and Hawaii Educational Networking Consortium supported this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Department of Education, and University of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1096, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Higher Education  
and Education,



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ROY TAKUMI, Chair



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JERRY L. CHANG, Chair





