

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2543

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and
Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2543 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Make explicit the responsibility of the University of Hawaii Community Colleges to provide short-term and rapid response occupational and certification programs designed to qualify individuals to fill new and hard-to-fill positions that require technical training; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii for occupational training and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill positions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System, United Public Workers, and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committees find that it is important for colleges to react quickly to the modern economy by meeting the technical workforce needs of the public and private sectors. This includes filling emerging job opportunities as well as upgrading the skills of existing workers to meet the requirements of their positions that may change with advances in technology. Your Committees find that responding to workforce needs requires the development of



training that is delivered rapidly and in a format other than a formal degree program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2543 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
HEA

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2543</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HEA/JDL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-11-16</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

