

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 298

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a workforce readiness program within the Department of Education to allow students to graduate from an extended high school enrollment with a high school diploma and an industry-recognized associate's degree; and
- (2) Appropriate monies to develop and implement the program and hire full-time employees.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education

Your Committees find that workforce development is an important issue in the State. Only fifty-six percent of Hawaii's public school graduates continued on to post-secondary education in 2015. Your Committees further find that collaboration between educators and local industry employers would help students enter the workforce with skills and credentials that are valuable to employers in their community.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 298 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 Education and
Higher Education,



KAIALI'I KAHELE, Chair

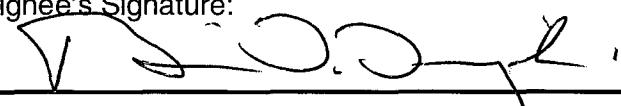


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 298	EDU/HRE, WAM	2/8/17		
<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes