

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 619

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 619 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education to create a K-12 curriculum to career pipeline initiative in collaboration with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a gap exists between the skills that are needed and expected by employers in the State and the current skill levels of certain sectors of the State's workforce. Employers have increasingly reported difficulties finding workers with the skills in coding, computer science, engineering, foreign languages, and other related fields to fill technology-based positions. Your Committee further finds that STEM jobs are expected to grow at an even greater rate in Hawaii than non-STEM jobs in the future. This measure will help to reduce the skills gap in the State by providing Hawaii's students with greater access to technical skill and STEM training.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 619 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,




MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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SB 619	EDU, WAM/IDL	2/1/17		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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