

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 723
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Judiciary and Labor,
to which was referred S.B. No. 723 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to respond to
workforce needs in Hawaii by:

- (1) Adding as a purpose of the University of Hawaii
Community College System the provision of occupational
training and certification programs designed to rapidly
qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill position
classes of the State, counties, and private sector that
require technical skills; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to the University of Hawaii for
occupational training and certification programs
designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and
hard-to-fill classes of non-professional positions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Human
Resources Development, and one individual. Your Committees
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one
individual.

Your Committees find that today's economy requires colleges
to continually respond to the changing technical workforce demands



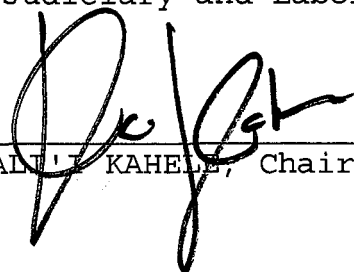
in order to fill emerging employment positions and upgrade the skills of existing workers to meet changing requirements of their positions. Your Committees further find that community colleges are a critical component of providing individuals with occupational and certification program career options to meet the workforce needs of the public and private sectors in Hawaii. For example, short-term, rapid response training is needed to fill informational technology positions, security service positions, health and home care positions, and agricultural positions. Therefore, your Committees find that it is important for the University of Hawaii Community College System to continue providing short-term, rapid response training to meet the continually changing requirements of the State's economy, and to make this responsibility explicit under state law.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of May 12, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 723, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 723, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGAFAN, Chair


KAI ALAN 'I' KAHELA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 723	Committee Referral: HRE/JDL, WAM	Date: 2/2/17		
<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 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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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