

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 168

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 168 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STATE PLAN FOR COMPUTER  
SCIENCE EDUCATION IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Education to develop and implement a computer  
science curricula plan statewide for all students from  
kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this  
measure from the Department of Education, Microsoft Corporation,  
Code.org, and Women in Technology (Maui Economic Development  
Board).

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from  
the University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee is well aware of the need for skilled  
information technology employees in this State. In recent years,  
your Committee has received numerous budget requests from state  
departments for appropriations to fund information technology  
positions. Based upon the information supporting those requests,  
your Committee believes that information technology employees in  
both the public and private sectors, along with information



technology consultants, are well compensated. Your Committee further believes that the information technology field will continue to offer well-compensated jobs and other opportunities in the future for public school graduates.

Your Committee requests the Department of Education to evaluate the resources necessary to effectuate the intent of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 168 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



