

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 171

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.C.R. No. 171 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND ESTABLISH A LIVE, LEARN, WORK, AND PLAY PROGRAM TO PROMOTE WORKFORCE READINESS IN HAWAII'S STUDENTS THROUGH CAREER PIPELINE AND ACADEMY SCHOOL INITIATIVES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to develop and establish a live, learn, work, and play program to promote workforce readiness in Hawaii's students through career pipeline and academy school initiatives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Native Hawaiian Education Council, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that employers in Hawaii's expanding industries have reported difficulty in finding local applicants who have the skills and experiences necessary to fill available positions. Your Committee further finds that a career pipeline, academy school, and other workforce readiness initiatives will equip the State's students with the skills that they need to enter the workforce. Your Committee additionally finds that



partnerships with local employers can help to ensure that students leave school with skills that are especially valuable and in-demand.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 171 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



