

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

722

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1274

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1274 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support teachers with appropriate professional-development opportunities by appropriating funds to the Department of Education to enter into a contract or agreement with one or more entities to develop and implement computer-science professional-development programs for teachers.

The O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and Computer Science Teachers Association - Hawaii Chapter supported this measure. The Department of Education and Hawaii State Teachers Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the computer-science professional-development programs be directly accessible to teachers and not simply for teachers;

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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1274, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1274, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Lower & Higher
Education,


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



