

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1459

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1274
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1274, H.D. 1, 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 and appropriate funds for 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 directly accessible to teachers.

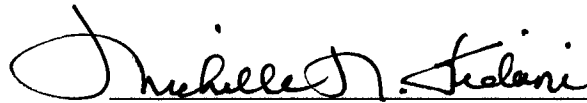
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, HawaiiKidsCAN, and Code.org. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that there is a disparity between the demand for computer science education and its availability as only forty percent of schools offer such courses. The integration and prioritization of computer science curriculum in public schools begins with teachers receiving relevant training. This measure ensures that teachers will receive high-quality professional development in computer science to prepare students for fields related to computer science that have the potential to drive job growth and innovation throughout the State's economy.



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 H.B. No. 1274, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



