

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 970

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 S.B. No. 970 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,"

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 establish a program with eligible entities to develop and implement teacher professional development for computer science courses and content.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii State Teachers Association.

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 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 S.B. No. 970 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,

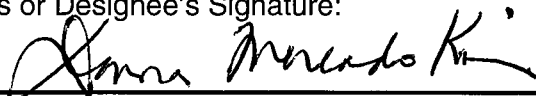


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 970</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/6/19</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
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