STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1629

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 7 2019

RE: S.R. No. 153

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.R. No. 153 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE ADEOUACY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A CAREER IN A VOCATION, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to conduct a study to assess the adequacy of the Department's vocational education programs to prepare students for a career in a vocation.

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

Your Committee finds that many students would benefit from the Department of Education offering courses and training in vocational career fields, as a four-year college degree may not be suitable for all students. According to the United States Department of Labor, there were 6,600,000 job openings in early 2018 in vocational career fields. By training students with particular skills to enter various vocational career fields, the State can ensure that the demand for skilled workers in specific industries will not exceed the number of available workers.

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.R. No. 153 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,

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
6R163	EDU, WAM			3/22/19	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)		/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)		/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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