

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1631

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.R. No. 174  
S.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 S.R.  
No. 174 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY THE MOST RELEVANT FACTORS  
THAT HINDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF ROBOTICS  
PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Education to convene a working group to identify the  
most relevant factors that hinder public schools in their  
development of robotics programs.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that robotics appeals to a broad range  
of interests and allows multiple points of access to science,  
technology, engineering, and mathematics for many types of  
learners. Many Hawaii schools have robotics teams, but there are  
still many constraints on funding, resources, and instructors that  
prevent some schools from building robotics programs and  
recruiting students. Therefore, in order to improve science  
education in the State and increase opportunities for students to  
participate in robotics, it is necessary to identify factors and  
resources needed to sustain current and future robotics programs  
in public schools.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the purpose of the working group is to identify factors and resources needed to sustain current and future robotics programs within the Department of Education;
- (2) Clarifying the issues that the working group is requested to evaluate;
- (3) Amending the composition of the working group; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 174, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 174, S.D. 1.

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



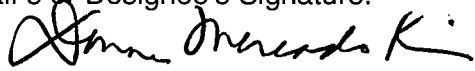
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR174</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/22/19</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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