

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2065

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2065 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Workforce Readiness Program within the Department of Education to allow students to graduate from an extended high school enrollment with an industry-recognized associate's degree to complement the student's high school diploma; and
- (2) Appropriate moneys to develop and implement the program, including two Educational Specialist II staff positions and seven District Office Teachers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Food Industry Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Early Learning Board.

Your Committee finds that creating a coordinated workforce development system by engaging stakeholders across education, business, industry, and higher education is a vital part of



developing a qualified pool of talent ready to meet our local, regional and global economic and labor demands.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education is urged to consider implementing the workforce readiness program in high need areas of education such as early childhood education as it will help provide a qualified field of workers for in-demand occupations as intended by this measure.

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. 2065 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,

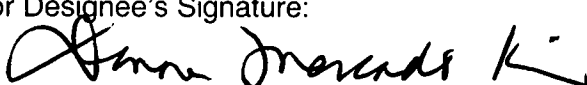


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2065	EDU, WAM	2/10/2020		
<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	4			1
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