

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2020

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RE: S.B. No. 2259
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Lower & Higher Education and Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Workforce Readiness Program to provide opportunities for students to earn diplomas and various certificates that pertain to employment.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from McKinley Community School for Adults, Waipahu Community School for Adults, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Early Learning Board.

Your Committees find that current high school graduates and non-graduates would benefit from aligning educational curriculum to a workforce readiness preparation program that will ensure they receive the industry-based skills and certification required for employment after graduation.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Lower & Higher Education and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Lower & Higher
Education and Labor & Public
Employment,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2259 SDI	Committee Referral: LHE/LAB, FIN	Date: 3/13/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. QUINLAN, Sean (VC)	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Mark J. Hashem</u>				
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