

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

472

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 1222

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1222 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve digital literacy
throughout Hawaii by:

- (1) Requiring public schools and public charter schools to
offer education in computer science; and
- (2) Establishing the Computer Science Education Special Fund
to provide grants to support computer science education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education; Code.org; Chamber of Commerce
Hawaii; HawaiiKidsCAN; Microsoft; Purple Maia Foundation; Hawai'i
Society for Technology in Education; TechNet; and eight
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the
intent of this measure from the State Public Charter School
Commission and Microsoft. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the global COVID-19 pandemic has
illustrated a need to diversify Hawaii's economy beyond tourism

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and has shown the importance of digital literacy, particularly as applied to distance learning, tele-health appointments, and working from home. Your Committee further finds that computer science education is a key driver of economic growth and digital literacy. Your Committee believes this measure will further promote computer science education in the State and prepare students for fields related to computer science that have the potential to drive job growth and innovation throughout the economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "computer science";
- (2) Removing highest academic degree of instructors from the categories to be reported to the Superintendent of Education;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1222, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1222, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1222	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 2/9/2021		
<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)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	∅	∅	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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