

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**3080**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 29 2020**

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2259 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to help provide students with skills and credentials to obtain employment.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a workforce readiness program within the Department of Education's Adult Community School program to provide opportunities for students to earn diplomas and various certificates that pertain to employment;
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with certain other departments and to contract with employers for the program; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Adult Community Education Advisory Council, McKinley



Community School for Adults, Waipahu Community School for Adults, and eight individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee finds that work readiness programs help to develop a stronger workforce by, among other things, providing valuable training to students who have not succeeded in a traditional school setting but nevertheless demonstrate the ability to become successful and contributing members of the workforce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending references to the Community School for Adults program to be consistent with the program name used by the Department of Education;
- (2) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2259, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1.

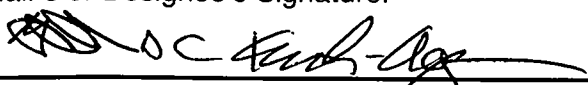
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2259</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/19/20</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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>5</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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