

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2259

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. 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:

- (1) Establish a workforce readiness diploma program within the Department of Education Adult Community Schools Program; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, McKinley Community School for Adults, Waipahu Community School for Adults, McKinley Community School for Adults - Moanalua Campus, Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and nine private individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Executive Office of Early Learning, and Early Learning Board.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports, strengthens, and advances a consolidated statewide effort by the Community Schools for Adults to prepare students for the career pipeline with the appropriate skills, attributes, certifications, and



college credit to quickly become effective contributors to the local workforce.

Your Committee urges the Department of Education to consider applying workforce readiness in high need areas of education such as early childhood education as it implements the workforce readiness diploma program proposed 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. 2259 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,

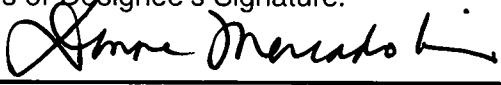


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2259	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 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