

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2607
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2607, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote computer science education in the State by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education (DOE) to develop and implement a statewide computer science curricula plan for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12; and
- (2) Allowing the DOE to enter into a contract or agreement with one or more entities to develop and implement computer science teacher development programs.

DevLeague Inc, HawaiiKidsCAN, Purple Mai'a Foundation, Code.org, Women in Technology, Microsoft Corporation, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. DOE testified in support of the intent of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the importance of computer science is undisputed and that computer science and technology education



should be embraced as ever increasing technological advances require individuals to have computer science skills. Your Committee also finds that development of computer science skills in students from kindergarten through grade 12 is critical to preparing these students for the 21st century and beyond.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2607, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,



CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
3. HOLT, Daniel	/			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
TOTAL (7)	7			

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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