

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 224

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 224 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Give a preference to students who live within the service area of a school or who enrolled in the school the previous school year in applying for participation in a career and technical education program offered by that school; and
- (2) Establish enrollment in a career and technical education program as a new exception to the requirement to attend school within the service area in which a student resides.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teacher's Association and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that a gap exists between the skills that students in the State have upon graduation from high school and the skills that employers in the State are seeking. Business leaders in Hawaii's expanding industries report that it is often



difficult to recruit local applicants who have necessary skills and experiences. Your Committee further finds that educational programs specializing in career readiness and technical skills can be effective in preparing students in Hawaii to enter the State's job market. Educational initiatives at schools within the State have been established to develop students' technical skills and prepare them to enter the workforce. This measure supports those students who want to receive career and technical skills education, which will prepare students to become members of the modern workforce.

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. 224 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,



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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 224</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/03/21</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 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				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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