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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 373

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 373 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Education to develop and implement a K-12 curriculum-to-career-pipeline initiative to ensure that the State's public school students are adequately trained and prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation from high school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Hawai'i System, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and Kamehameha Schools. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that there is a disconnect between the needs and expectations of today's employers and the current skills of the State's local workforce. Many industries in the State require employees with skills in coding, computer science, engineering, foreign language, and other technology-based jobs, yet the skills gap continues to widen. This measure will enable students to enter the State's workforce upon graduation from high

school by improving job training and more closely aligning education to employment.

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. 373 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 EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
5B 373	EDU, WAN		2/4/19			
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)						
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)						
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	-					
KANUHA, Dru Mamo			·			
FEVELLA, Kurt						
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TOTAL		5				
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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