

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: S.B. No. 242
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B.
No. 242, S.D. 2, 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 improve digital literacy
throughout Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing the Computer Science Special Fund to
provide grants to eligible entities to support computer
science education;
- (2) Establishing a timeline for public elementary, middle,
and intermediate schools to offer computer science
courses or computer science content; and
- (3) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, requiring each
public charter school that serves elementary, middle,
intermediate, or high school students to offer computer
science courses or content at a certain frequency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, HawaiiKidsCAN, Code.org,
Microsoft, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Oceanit, Hawai'i Society for

2021-3102 SB242 HD2 HSCR HMSO



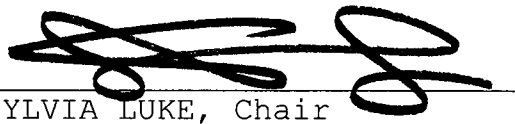
Technology in Education, and ten individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Board of Education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a five-year sunset on the Computer Science Special Fund established pursuant to this measure and specifying that any unencumbered remaining balances lapse to the credit of the general fund; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 242, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 242, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

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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)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	/			
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana	/			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	/			
5. HOLT, Daniel	/			
6. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand		✓		
8. MARTEN, Lisa	/			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓		
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
12. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
13. WILDBERGER, Tina	/			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob	/			
TOTAL (15)	13	2	Ø	Ø

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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