

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2021

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 242, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the offering of computer science education in Department of Education schools.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the computer science special fund to be administered by the Department of Education for the provision of computer science grants to eligible entities;
- (2) Requires that the Department of Education submit to the Board of Education and Legislature an annual report regarding the computer science special fund;
- (3) Establishes a timeline for elementary, middle, and intermediate schools to offer computer science courses or content;
- (4) Requires that the Superintendent of Education submit to the Board of Education and Legislature annual reports of



the computer science courses and content offered during the preceding school year; and

- (5) Requires that, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, each public charter school serving elementary, middle, intermediate, or high school students offers computer science courses or content at a certain frequency.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Code.org, HawaiiKidsCAN, Microsoft Corporation, TechNet, and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has exemplified and catalyzed the global shift towards a digital economy and increased the public's reliance on digital technology for basic tasks. Accordingly, your Committee believes that it is important to ensure that elementary, middle, intermediate, and high school students throughout the State are prepared for an increasingly digital world.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the Superintendent of Education's annual reporting requirements; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 242,



S.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.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the members of the Committee
on Ways and Means,

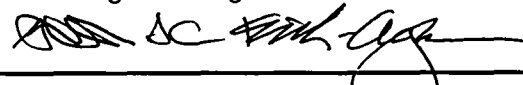


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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 242, SD 1	EDU, WAM	2/12/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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