

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 422

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 422 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Education to award high school diplomas to qualified individuals whose school attendance was interrupted due to certain circumstances.

Specifically, the measure authorizes the award of high school diplomas to:

- (1) Qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into active service in the United States Armed Forces; or
- (2) Qualified persons whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during the Second World War, Korean War, or Vietnam War.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Military Affairs Council, and two individuals.



Your Committee finds that the Department of Education was previously authorized to award high school diplomas to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma due to military service or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, until the authorization expired in 2020. Your Committee further finds that this measure will resume the authorization permanently by codifying it in the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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. 422 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

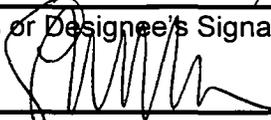
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB422	EDU/PSM, WAM	2-26-2025		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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