

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

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred S.B. No. 509, S.D. 2, entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to:

(1) Establish criteria for industry certification awards for public high schools to encourage students to obtain industry-recognized certifications in high value occupations; and

(2) Submit an annual report to the Legislature containing specific information regarding the industry certification award progress.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the State has critical shortages of qualified local workers in sectors such as health care, education, air travel, and technology. This measure provides an opportunity to strategically prepare public high school students for the workforce in occupations that have high demand for competent and skilled employees, high potential for growth, and high wages.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 509, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 509, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Economic Development,

SEAN QUINLAN, Chair