

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1384
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1384, 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 improve the educational achievement of Hawaii's youth by requiring children to be assessed prior to entering the first grade.

Specifically, this measure requires, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year:

- (1) Public and private kindergarten students to be assessed by a qualified teacher with an early childhood education background to certify that the student is prepared to enter the first grade;
- (2) Assessments by private kindergarten programs to be certified by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools or the Early Learning Council; and
- (3) Children who did not attend any kindergarten program to be assessed by qualified Department of Education personnel.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education, Department of Education; and two individuals. Written



comments were received from Donald B. Young, Director, Hawaii Educational Policy Center; Elisabeth Chun, Executive Director, Good Beginnings Alliance; and Robert Peters, Chair, Early Learning Council.

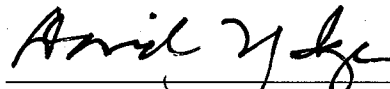
Your Committee finds that some children enter the first grade without the skills and preparation necessary for success. Assessments of children entering the first grade by qualified personnel would help ensure that children are placed in an academically appropriate grade level.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity 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. 1384, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 2.

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




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1384 SD1	EDU, WAM	3-1-11		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam		/		
TOTAL	13	1	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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