

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

591

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 1 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1093
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1093, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL READINESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a statewide school readiness program to prepare young children for entry into kindergarten.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor, Board of Education, Department of Human Services, City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, University of Hawaii System, Castle and Cooke Hawaii, Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawaii Business Round Table, Kamehameha Schools, Partners in Development Foundation, The Queens Health Systems, Special Education Advisory Council, and fifty-five individuals. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Hawaii Pacific Health.

Your Committee finds that many young children enter kindergarten without the behavioral and learning skills necessary to succeed in school. These children will be better prepared to enter school if they are provided access to school readiness services that address physical, cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional development. Your Committee believes that the creation of a school readiness program that prioritizes these services for

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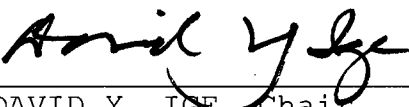
low- and middle-income children will better prepare these children to thrive in an educational environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that "low- and moderate-income families" have an income of no more than two hundred fifty per cent of federal poverty level for the purposes of receiving priority for participation in the school readiness program;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) 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 Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1093, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1093, S.D. 2.

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



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1093, SD1	Committee Referral: EDU/HMS, WAM	Date: 2-21-13		
<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	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.		✓		
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	11	1	1	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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