

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1498

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 820
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 820, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Executive Office on Early Learning Pre-kindergarten Program to provide high-quality early childhood education to the State's children.

The measure also gives priority to:

- (1) At-risk children; and
- (2) Underserved children who are not qualified to attend other early childhood education programs and whose family income is no more than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, State Public Charter School Commission, Aha Punana Leo, Aloha United Way, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawaii State Teachers Association, HEE Coalition, PHOCUSED, and



two individuals. The Department of Education submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that early childhood education prepares children for success in school and in life, but that many of the State's families cannot afford to send their children to costly early childhood education programs.

Your Committee further finds that this measure will help more of the State's children prepare for a lifetime of learning and develop key social, cognitive, emotional, and physical skills by making early childhood education more accessible to children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate.

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 H.B. No. 820, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 820, HD2, SD1	EDU, WAM	4/1/15		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	10	0	1	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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