

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 821
H.D. 1
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. 821, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify statutory provisions relating to early childhood education.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Executive Office on Early Learning to use and expend federal funds for early childhood education;
- (2) Defines the term "early childhood education" to mean a developmentally appropriate early childhood development and education program for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten, and repeals the term "early education" which provided for early childhood education for children from birth until eight years of age; and
- (3) Makes conforming amendments to chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the roles of the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning in early childhood education.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, the Hawaii State Teachers Association, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Good Beginnings Alliance, Hui for Excellence in Education, PHOCUSED, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that because a significant amount of human brain development takes place between birth and the age of five, it is important to encourage early childhood education to facilitate proper brain development in young children. Your Committee also finds that early childhood education yields economic, as well as physical and mental, results. For example, a 2008 study showed that for every dollar that the State invests in a quality four-year early learning program, the State receives a return of \$4.20. Your Committee believes that this measure will enable the Executive Office on Early Learning to use federal funds to develop additional resources and avenues to provide early childhood education and allow the State to provide more focused early childhood education, by clarifying the boundaries between the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2015.

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. 821, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 821, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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<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
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	✓			
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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