

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1294

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1346  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1346, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the suspension or expulsion of children participating in the Executive Office on Early Learning's Public Prekindergarten Program, except under limited circumstances.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Children's Action Network, Rainbow Family 808, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and one individual.

Your Committees find that according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, as many as 8,710 three- and four-year-olds may be expelled from their state-funded preschool or prekindergarten classroom every year, which is at a rate more than three times that of their peers in kindergarten through grade twelve. This is particularly troubling given such suspensions and expulsions occur during a critical period in a child's development. This measure ensures that the State's youngest children have access to appropriate educational



opportunities that will set them up to reach their highest potential and prevents many of the adverse educational and life outcomes that result from suspension and expulsion early in a child's life.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1346, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1346, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



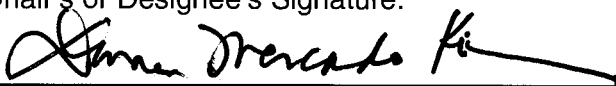
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/	/		
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>43</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	—			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				—
GABBARD, Mike				—
KIM, Donna Mercado		—		
FEVELLA, Kurt	—			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Kurt Fevella</i>				
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