

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

919

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05, 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1362
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1362, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program; and
- (2) Clarify and make adjustments to Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, which relates to access to learning, to reflect the current situation brought upon by the COVID-2019 pandemic, including:
 - (A) Delaying the expansion of the Preschool Open Doors Program to serve three-year-old children to July 1, 2024;
 - (B) Extending the deadline for a service provider of the Preschool Open Doors Program to commence national accreditation by two years;

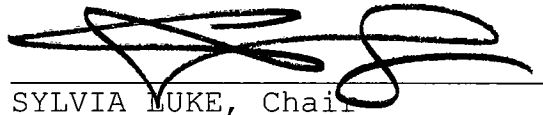


- (C) Requiring the application of a uniform assessment for public school and charter school kindergarten students;
- (D) Extending the effective date for the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission to share certain information on prior early learning program attendance to July 1, 2023; and
- (E) Allowing educational data to be shared using an existing system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Early Learning Board; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hui for Excellence in Education; Special Education Advisory Council; Parents and Children Together; and Early Childhood Action Strategy. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services, Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Kamehameha Schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1362, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1302, HD1	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 3-2-2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	—			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	—			
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana	—			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	—			
5. HOLT, Daniel	—			
6. ILAGAN, Greggor	—			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	—			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	—			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	—			
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.	—			
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	—			
12. TAM, Adrian K.	—			
13. WILDBERGER, Tina	—			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	—			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (15)	14	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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