

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1384

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1384 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide that the prohibition against serving two consecutive terms not to exceed eight consecutive years pursuant to section 26-34(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to the representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers' term limit. The prohibition would repeal on June 30, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, University of Hawaii Systems, 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna, Puakalehua Early Learning Consortium, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and thirty-six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Executive Office of Early Learning and Early Learning Board.

Your Committee finds that the Early Learning Board provides crucial input, direction, and oversight necessary for the Executive Office on Early Learning to achieve its statutory responsibilities. Representatives on the Early Learning Board are reflective of the diversity of the early care and education field in Hawaii, providing unique and important input on how to best serve Hawaii's families and young children. The State has long



recognized the value of its host culture and has taken such actions as designating a native Hawaiian language as one of its two official state languages and creating native Hawaiian immersion charter schools. This measure will allow for better, continued representation for Hawaiian early learning providers on the Early Learning Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1384 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



