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RE: S.B. No. 3101
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 3101, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to develop a comprehensive system of early childhood learning services by refining the recommendations of the Temporary Early Childhood Education task force.

Your Committee on Conference finds that children are born ready-to-learn, with minds that are shaped significantly by experiences and environments they are exposed to in the first five years of life. As such, early learning programs should meet professionally-accepted standards, be staffed by well-trained, appropriately-compensated educators, reflect the cultural needs and diversity unique to Hawaii, and be available to all children who are



newly born until they enter kindergarten. To achieve these ends, this measure establishes and appropriates funds for an early learning educational task force, and builds upon the existing framework and services for early childhood learning.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Omitting reference to a quality assurance working group within the early learning educational task force;
- (2) Renaming and amending the duties of the interdepartmental resources working group;
- (3) Enhancing the description of the early learning system plan, which shall be a five-year plan and include a financing schedule;
- (4) Amending task force membership;
- (5) Delineating interdepartmental resources working group membership;
- (6) Having the early childhood educational specialist report to the superintendent of education; and
- (7) Amending appropriation amounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3101, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3101, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



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