

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3101
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3101, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to implement the recommendations of the Early Childhood Education Task Force and to establish the Early Learning Authority.

Your Committee finds that Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, established an Early Childhood Education Task Force at the University of Hawaii to study the issue of early childhood education in the State.

The primary recommendation of the task force was the establishment of the Early Learning Authority to develop, implement, and provide for the sustainability of a coherent, comprehensive early learning system that maximizes public and private resources to provide early learning opportunities for all young children in the State up to the age of eight.

This measure appropriates funds to establish and require the Authority to:

- (1) Develop standards and desired outcomes and systems to evaluate early education programs;
- (2) Ensure a statewide integrated early childhood system;



- (3) Increase the quality of early childhood education through access to education and training of professionals; and
- (4) Provide funding for early childhood education programs.

This measure also allows the Authority to contract with a nonprofit organization to assist the Authority.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount for the purpose of furthering discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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 S.B. No. 3101, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3101, S.D. 2.

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




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 3101 SD1	Committee Referral: EDM/HMS, WAM	Date: 2/28/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
SLOM, Sam			/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	10	0	2	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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