

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 395

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 395 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is ensure continued support for the work of the Early Learning Council (ELC) toward developing the State's early learning system, by requiring any general fund appropriations designated for the State's early learning system that are unexpended or unencumbered by the end of the fiscal period specified in the appropriating Act to lapse into the Keiki First Steps Trust Fund.

The Department of Education, ELC, Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children, Good Beginnings Alliance, and Kamehameha Schools testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this measure.

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 H.B. No. 395 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

R. Takumi

ROY TAKUMI, Chair



