

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2976
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2976 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to extend the sunset date of the Interdepartmental Council on Early Childhood Education (Council) to an unspecified date.

The Good Beginnings Alliance supported the intent of this bill. The Governor's Administration supported this measure with amendments. A concerned individual opposed this bill. The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and Early Learning Council offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding a purpose and findings section to this measure to place the State in an advantageous position in its application for federal stimulus money for early childhood education;
- (2) Adding four members to the Council who represent:
 - (A) An institution of higher education in the state;



- (B) A local provider of early childhood education and development services;
 - (C) A Head Start provider agency located in the state; and
 - (D) The state director of Head Start Collaboration;
- (3) Extending the Council's sunset date to June 30, 2013; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2976, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2976, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



