

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2009

RE: H.B. No. 395
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Housing and Human Services,
to which was referred H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that any unexpended
or unencumbered general fund appropriations designated for the
State's early learning system for fiscal year 2008-2009 shall
lapse into the keiki first steps trust fund.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two
government agencies, seven private organizations, and one
individual. Testimony in opposition was submitted by one state
agency. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be
reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that the provision in this measure is
similar to one contained in S.B. No. 1329, S.D.1, previously
adopted after a public hearing by your Committee on Human
Services, which also made clarifying amendments to the Early
Learning Council and the keiki first steps trust fund.

In addition, your Committee on Education and Housing
previously heard and approved a measure related to junior
kindergarten and kindergarten assessment, further amended as S.B.
No. 1278, S.D.2.



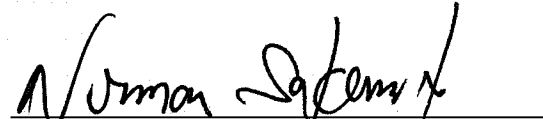
Your Committees have amended this measure by replacing its contents with provisions from the measures discussed above, to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, to use successful assessment tools and protocols for determining a student's initial placement and for decision making about a student's movement between junior kindergarten, kindergarten, and into grade one; and
- (2) Clarify provisions of the Early Learning System, established by Act 14, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, including authorizing designees for all members of the Early Learning Council, changing the name of the keiki first steps trust fund to the early learning trust fund, and specifying that moneys in the early learning trust fund shall not lapse to the credit of the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Housing and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Housing and Human Services,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	0

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