

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2068  
S.D. 2  
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 Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2068, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the junior kindergarten program of the Department of Education (DOE) and allow children who are at least five years of age on or before August 1 of the school year to attend kindergarten, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

DOE and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Early Learning Council (ELC), Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. The Hawaii Educational Policy Center and Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by replacing the contents of the bill with provisions that require DOE and ELC to work together on the development and submission of a plan to the Legislature for the integration of the cohort of children who would otherwise attend junior kindergarten into the early learning system.



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 S.B. No. 2068, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2068, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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ROY TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 885-10

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 2068 SDZ	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-17-2010		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. BERG, Lyla B. (VC)	✓			
3. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
6. MANAHAN, Joey				✓
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
8. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
10. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
11. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
13. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
14. PINE, Kymerly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL (14)	10			4
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <i>Lyla B. Berg</i>				
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