

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2203

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2969

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2969 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Taxation to allow a taxpayer to designate a specified amount of the taxpayer's income tax refund to be paid to the early learning trust fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Early Learning Council, and Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Taxation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Good Beginnings Alliance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure adds the early learning trust fund to the growing number of programs for which taxpayers may designate a portion of their income tax refund. However, this measure also provides a creative way to allow individuals to support early learning in the State. As such, your Committee believes that further discussion on this measure is warranted.

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.

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No. 2969 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Education  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2969</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-10-12</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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