

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1095
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1095, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Early Childhood Education Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor, Board of Education, Department of Human Services, Early Learning Advisory Board, University of Hawaii System, City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Castle and Cooke Hawaii, Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, IMUAlliance, Kamehameha Schools, Special Education Advisory Board, and seventy-one individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety and Hawaii Pacific Health.

Your Committee finds that early childhood learning programs encourage positive outcomes for young children by preparing them for school. Significant research suggests that children involved in early education are less likely to drop out of school and have higher reading capabilities than children who have not attended these programs. Your Committee believes that providing high-

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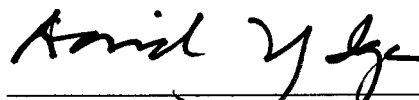
quality educational programs that increase the likelihood of success for youth are in the best interest of the State. Accordingly, your Committee believes that the Early Childhood Education Program will address Hawaii's children's physical, cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional development and prepare them for success in the classroom.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the measure is to take effect upon the ratification of an amendment to article X, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution permitting the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs;
- (2) Clarifying that the Executive Office on Early Learning shall adopt administrative rules necessary to implement the program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050; provided that the constitutional amendment is ratified, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1095, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1095, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1095, SD 1	Committee Referral: EDY, WAM	Date: 2-27-13		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.		✓		
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	10	1	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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