

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1676
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1676 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand access to early childhood education in Hawaii by authorizing the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into agreements with the Department of Education or any public charter school to use vacant or underutilized classrooms for public preschool classrooms.

The Executive Office on Early Learning, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, State Public Charter School Commission, Kualapu'u Public Conversion Charter School, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawaii Community Foundation, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Democratic Party of Hawaii, The Pacific Resource Partnership, Kamehameha Schools, Hui for Excellence in Education, PHOCUSED, Ho'okako'o Corporation, Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, and numerous concerned individuals supported the measure. The Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children supported the intent of the measure. The Hawaii State Teachers Association supported the measure with amendments. A concerned individual opposed the measure.



Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Executive Office on Early Learning is also authorized to use classrooms currently being used for preschool, in addition to vacant or underutilized classrooms, for public preschool classrooms; and
- (2) Allowing the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into memorandums of agreement, in addition to contracts, with the Department of Education and public charter schools for use of their classrooms.

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 H.B. No. 1676, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature **HSCR 301-14**

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1676	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 2/5/14		
<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="" 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. OHNO, Takashi (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. AWANA, Karen	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.				✓
7. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				✓
9. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
11. FALE, Richard Lee	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Jakshi O...</i>				
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