

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2276
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2276 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a statewide Early Childhood Education Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning and implemented upon the ratification of S.B. No. 1084, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 (2013).

The Executive Office on Early Learning; Department of Education; Department of Public Safety; Department of Human Services; University of Hawaii; University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Hui for Excellence in Education; Good Beginnings Alliance; Early Learning Advisory Board; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Kamehameha Schools; Hawai'i P-20; KCAA Preschools of Hawai'i; PHOCUSED; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children; The Pacific Resource Partnership; Aloha United Way; Hawaii Business Roundtable; 'Aha Pūnana Leo; Partners In Development Foundation; and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii State Teachers Association and numerous individuals opposed this measure.

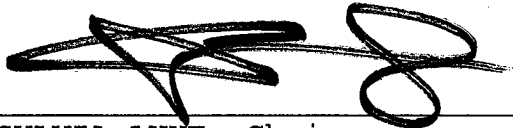


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2276, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2276, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



