

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

21670

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2236  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 1, 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 authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning (Office) to enter into agreements with the Department of Education or charter schools to use available classrooms for public preschool classrooms in the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Department of Human Services; University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Education; Early Learning Advisory Board; Hawaii P-20; Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation; Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children; PHOCUSED - Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under Served, Elderly and Disabled; Kamehameha Schools; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a great need for a high-quality preschool program for children and families for whom such a program is not available. Research has shown that investing in high-quality early childhood education will result in higher levels of educational attainment and stronger social and economic well-being. This measure will allow the Executive Office on Early Learning to provide more four-year-olds with access to preschool



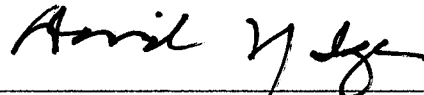
by using available Department of Education and charter school classrooms.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2236, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 2.

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



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2236, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-19-14</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 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	✓			
	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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