

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2816**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2826
S.D. 1

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. 2826 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 implement, upon ratification of a proposed amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution allowing the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs, a statewide early childhood education program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, the Executive Office on Early Learning, the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Early Learning Advisory Board, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Good Beginnings Alliance, Aloha United Way, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and eighty-seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that a child's experience and surroundings during their formative years can have a lasting impact on their later success in school. Your Committee also finds that by providing a quality statewide early childhood education program, children will develop into successful adults who have a positive impact on society.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Defining the term "underserved children";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for 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. 2826, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2826, S.D. 1.

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 2826	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2-27-14		
<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			✓	
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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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