

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2227
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2227 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for subsidies for the preschool open doors program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Family Programs Hawaii, Family Support Hawaii, and Hawaii Children's Action Network. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that preschool open doors program subsidies enable children without adequate financial means to attend preschool. For the 2015-2016 year, the preschool open doors program received 2,123 applications, and 1,158 children were enrolled at 256 preschools throughout the State. Early childhood education is important because it has been shown to improve school performance, raise math and language abilities, sharpen thinking and attention skills, reduce special education placement, and lower school dropout rates. Investing in children's futures is of the utmost importance.

Your Committee supports the Governor's supplemental budget request of \$6,000,000 for preschool open doors program child care subsidies and \$198,773 for administrative costs that includes one

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full-time equivalent position and related costs in administering the program.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$6,000,000 for subsidies for the preschool open doors program; and
- (2) Inserting an additional appropriation of \$198,773 to establish one new position in the Department of Human Services and for related costs in administering the preschool open doors program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2227, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2227	HMS, WAM	2/2/16		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
GREEN, Josh	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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Revised: 6/4/15