

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 843

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 843 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 make various housekeeping amendments to the laws relating to early childhood education.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Explicitly authorizes the Executive Office on Early Learning to use and expend federal funds for early learning education;
- (2) Defines "early childhood education" as a developmentally appropriate early childhood development and education program for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten;
- (3) Deletes the definition of "early education"; and
- (4) Repeals the Board of Education's authority to conduct federally funded public early education programs for children.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, The Chamber of Commerce



of Hawaii, PHOCUSED, HE'E Coalition, Good Beginnings Alliance, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Executive Office on Early Learning's responsibility to develop early education programs for children presently overlaps with the Department of Education's responsibility to develop education programs for children in kindergarten to the twelfth grade. This measure clarifies that the Executive Office on Early Learning's responsibility is limited to pre-kindergarten children and that the Office has the authority to expend federal funds for early childhood education.

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. 843 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



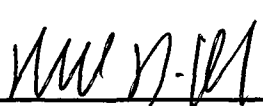
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB843	EDU, WAM	3/2/15		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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