

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 499
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 499, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend priority for the Preschool Open Doors Program exclusively to four-year-old children who are underserved or at-risk and whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

State Public Charter School Commission, Kamehameha Schools, and a concerned individual supported this measure. A concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of Human Services, Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Advisory Board, Parents and Children Together, Hawaii Children's Action Network, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and a concerned individual offered comments.

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. 499, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



