

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

808

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 687
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 687, 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 promote early learning in the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Broadens the scope of the State's early learning program to include early childhood development; and
- (2) Expands the function and powers of the Early Learning Advisory Board, including appointment and evaluation of the director of the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Advisory Board, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and Kamehameha Schools.

Your Committee finds that early learning programs are essential to prepare children for entry into kindergarten. The Executive Office on Early Learning was created, in part, to ensure a spectrum of high-quality early learning opportunities for



children throughout the State. The Early Learning Advisory Board was established in 2012 to serve in an advisory role for the Executive Office on Early Learning. Your Committee believes that expanding the powers and functions of the Early Learning Advisory Board will help provide the authority necessary to oversee the Executive Office on Early Learning and ensure the development and implementation of state policies regarding early learning programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing references of "early childhood education" to "early learning" in relevant sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for 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. 687, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 687, S.D. 2.

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

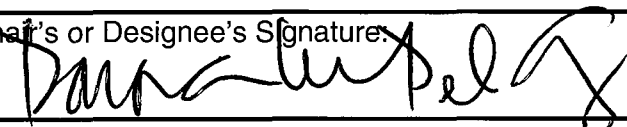


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 687, SD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2/23/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes