

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1346
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1346, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support and foster the social, emotional, and behavioral development of young children in alignment with national best practices and federal efforts by prohibiting the suspension and expulsion of children participating in the Executive Office on Early Learning public prekindergarten program, except in very limited circumstances.

The Department of Education, Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and Parents and Children Together supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by removing the specific matters in which the Executive Office on Early Learning may temporarily suspend or permanently remove a child in the program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1346, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be

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referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto
as H.B. No. 1346, H.D. 2.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



