

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1228

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1271  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1271, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program, to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning, to address the shortage of qualified early childhood educators in Hawaii;
- (2) Require stipend fund repayments for the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program to be deposited into the Early Learning Special Fund; and
- (3) Authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning to use a collection agency to secure a commission owed from a debtor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, State Public Charter School Commission, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Hawai'i

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Children's Action Network Speaks!, Kaulanakilohana, and Parents and Children Together. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Human Services and University of Hawai'i at Manoa College of Education.

Your Committee finds that the need for quality early care and education far exceeds the amount of available and qualified early childhood educators. Your Committee further finds that preschool teachers are amongst the lowest paid occupations. This measure will assist with workforce development and support those individuals seeking to become high-quality early childhood educators, thereby moving the State toward reaching its goal of increasing access to high-quality early learning programs.

Your Committee notes that, per the testimony provided by the Executive Office on Early Learning and the Early Learning Board, the plan to provide funding for the establishment and implementation of the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program is to leverage private sources of funding until the State is able to get through the COVID-19 pandemic.

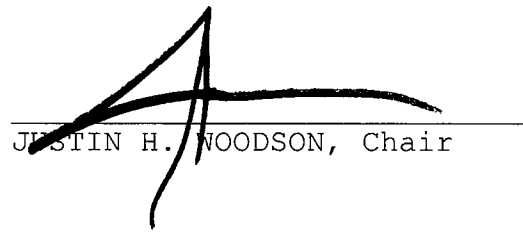
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1271, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1271, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 1271, SO2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDN, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/16/2021</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	11	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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