

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2096-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 13  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 13 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE STATE ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL, NO-COST PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the feasibility of the State establishing a universal, no-cost pre-kindergarten program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, Legislative Reference Bureau, and Early Childhood Action Strategy.

Your Committee finds that there are pre-kindergarten education programs offered throughout the State that provide young children with high-quality early education. However, not all children have access to these programs, and the programs are cost-prohibitive for many families. Your Committee further finds that a study on the feasibility of establishing a statewide, universal,

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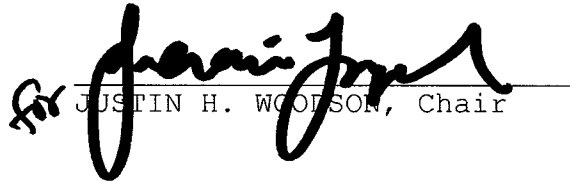


no-cost pre-kindergarten program is warranted to ensure that every child in Hawaii has equal access to early learning education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 13, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 13, H.D. 1.

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

  
for JUSTIN H. WOOLSON, Chair



