

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3522

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 13

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
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 and intent 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 one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Early Learning Board, Legislative Reference Bureau, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Early Childhood Action Strategy.

Your Committee finds that early learning programs provide a wide spectrum of benefits to children and society at-large. Your Committee further finds, however, that for many, program tuition is cost-prohibitive. Your Committee additionally finds that a handful of states have expanded access to early learning benefits to all children through a universal, no-cost pre-kindergarten program. Accordingly, this measure requests the Legislative



Reference Bureau to study the feasibility of a universal, no-cost pre-kindergarten program.

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 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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