

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2103** -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19, 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 217
S.D. 1
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. 217, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD TO PREPARE A REPORT CONTAINING A ROAD MAP, INCLUDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 46, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2020,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Early Learning Board to prepare a report containing a road map, including proposed legislation, for the implementation of Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, and submit the report to the Legislature prior to the 2023 Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Community Foundation, Kamehameha Schools, and Early Childhood Action Strategy. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Early Learning Board and Hawai'i Children Action Network Speaks!.

Your Committee finds that providing every child with access to early learning opportunities supports positive outcomes in

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academics, promotes emotional well-being, and establishes a strong foundation for a lifetime of success. Your Committee further finds that approximately 34,500 children aged three to four years reside in the State. However, only fifty percent of those children have access to early learning options in Hawaii.

Your Committee additionally finds that one of the purposes of Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 46), is to build the infrastructure and develop resources necessary to serve one hundred percent of all otherwise unserved children who are three to four years of age, or will not be at least five years of age on or before July 31 of the current school year, with access to early learning by the year 2032. Your Committee believes that assessment on the progress of implementing Act 46 and development of a road map for its continued implementation will promote greater access to early learning.

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. 217, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 217, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



