

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2097 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2022

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RE: S.C.R. No. 34
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. 34, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD TO EVALUATE AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE BOARD'S COMPOSITION AND CHARTER AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Early Learning Board to conduct an evaluation of its current composition and charter, develop a five-year strategic plan to guide the Early Learning Board going forward, and report to the Legislature prior to the 2023 Regular Session.

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

Your Committee finds that the Early Learning Board originally adopted its charter in 2014, when the Board acted solely in an advisory capacity. Your Committee further finds that Act 202,

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Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, expanded the purview of the Early Learning Board, elevated it from an advisory to governing capacity, and altered its composition. Since 2017, multiple measures have been introduced to amend or add to the composition of the Early Learning Board, without comprehensive consideration of the Board's charter or strategic plan. Your Committee believes that an evaluation of the current Early Learning Board's composition and charter, in relation to the development of a strategic plan, is necessary to help develop any future legislation related to its composition or powers and functions.

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. 34, 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. 34, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



