STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3814

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 53 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 53 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate the month of September 2022 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Month.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Rainbow Family 808, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that early childhood is a critical development period for an individual, and therefore, it is critical that young children receive consistent care and nurturing from early childhood educators who are skilled, educated, competent, and appropriately compensated. Your Committee finds however, due to racist and sexist beliefs that child care services do not deserve appropriate compensation because the work is largely performed by women of color, the average wage of child care workers in Hawaii is currently less than \$30,000 a year. By designating the month of September 2022 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Month, this measure acknowledges the importance of child care, especially during early childhood, and the critical

role child care providers play in the development of children in Hawaii, and encourages all policy makers, community organizations, and residents in Hawaii to do the same.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the Director of Health and Superintendent of Education as additional recipients of its certified copies; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 53, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts LCA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SCR 53	LCA			4/04/2022	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)		V			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)					
CHANG, Stanley					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					V
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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