

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3523

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2022

RE: S.R. No. 7

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.R. No. 7
entitled:

"SENATE 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 comments on this measure from Early
Childhood Action Strategy.

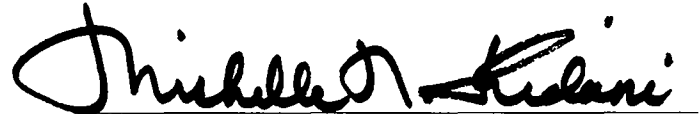
Your Committee finds that early learning programs provide a
wide spectrum of benefits to children and society at-large. Your
Committee further finds, however, that for many, program tuition
is cost-prohibitive. Your Committee additionally finds that a
handful of states have expanded access to early learning 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.R. No. 7 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

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR7	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/18/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes