

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 481
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 481, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend testing and reporting requirements for the State's public schools.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Repeals standardized assessment requirements for students entering kindergarten; and
- (2) Requires the Department of Education to submit annual reports on data collected on early learning programs pursuant to section 302A-1166, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii; Ke Kula `O Nāwahīokalani `ōpu`u; `Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.; HE`E Coalition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Education, Department of the Attorney General, Board of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that the reports required by this measure will provide the Legislature with relevant and important data regarding the State's early learning programs. Your Committee further finds that eliminating standardized assessments for students entering public kindergarten will help ensure that schools' time and resources are used effectively.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 481, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

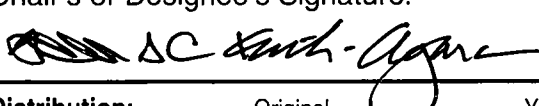
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 481 SD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/2/23		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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