

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.B. No. 2427 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2427 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to explicitly establish that the priority of selection for Preschool Open Doors program participation applies only during the priority application period between February 1 and the start of each program year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Hui for Excellence in Education.

Your Committee finds that the Preschool Open Doors program provides key financial assistance to enable children to attend preschool. This measure establishes a reasonable and appropriate balance between honoring key priorities in the selection of Preschool Open Doors participants to serve children with the greatest need and ensuring continuity of care to support children's development, while also expediting enrollment, ensuring efficient expenditure of funds, and maximizing the number of children served through the program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2427, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2427, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services,

LISA MARTEN, Chair

## State of Hawaii

House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bil	I/Resolution No.: HB2427	Committee		O Date	2.01.20	24
	The committee is reconsidering its	previous decision	on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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