

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2240

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3087

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3087 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand access to early learning programs on other state properties and public lands besides Department of Education public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Executive Office on Early Learning, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Human Services, Early Learning Board, He'e Coalition, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and CARES.

Your Committee finds that early childhood education is of paramount importance to provide Hawaii's youngest students with the opportunity to learn and grow. Presently, the Executive Office on Early Learning and Department of Human Services have a mandate to provide all three- and four-year-old children with accessible prekindergarten programs by 2032. While the State has made significant progress to ensure greater accessibility to prekindergarten programs, affordability remains a significant barrier for many families statewide. Therefore, this measure positions the State to pursue expansion of prekindergarten

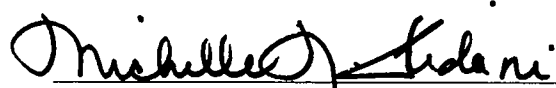


programs while providing affordable, high quality experiences to Hawaii's keiki.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3087, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, and 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-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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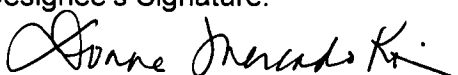
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				/
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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