

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1472

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2025

RE: H.B. No. 429
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 429, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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 appropriate moneys to hire teachers and teacher assistants to staff public preschools, and for the purchase of equipment and services for public preschools.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Executive Office on Early Learning, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission, Hana High and Elementary School, Hauula Elementary School, Kaala Elementary School, Lanai High and Elementary School, Maunaloa Elementary School, Sunset Beach Elementary School, Early Learning Board, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Kamehameha Schools, Special Education Advisory Council, and two individuals.

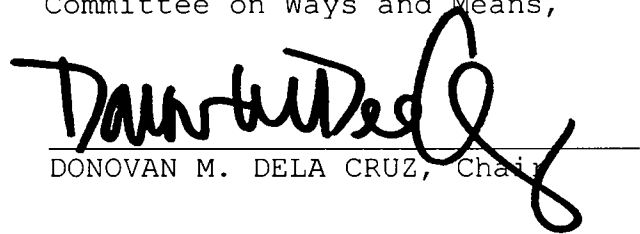
Your Committee finds that public preschools statewide are experiencing significant staffing shortages, especially for



teachers and teacher assistants, and lack sufficient equipment and services to provide a rich environment for Hawaii's young children to learn. Your Committee further finds that appropriating moneys to hire teachers and teacher assistants and to purchase equipment and services for public preschools will help address these challenges and improve student learning outcomes.

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 H.B. No. 429, H.D. 1, 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-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB429 HDI SDI	Committee Referral: Edu, WAM	Date: 3/28/25		
<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			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	11	0	0	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