

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1649

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2025

RE: H.B. No. 692
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. 692, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the Preschool Open Doors program.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Expands the eligibility criteria for participation in the Preschool Open Doors program; and
- (2) Repeals the accreditation requirement for Preschool Open Doors program providers.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; District 2 of the Hawaii County Council; City and County of Honolulu; Early Learning Board; Kamehameha Schools; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50; Parents and Children Together; American Association of University Women; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence;



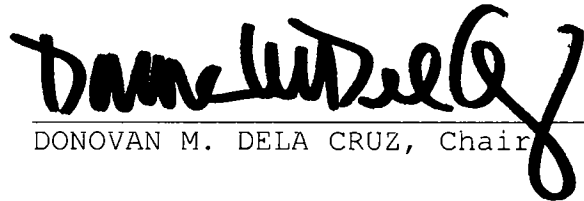
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Island Pediatrics of Honolulu; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that expanding the Preschool Open Doors program will help reduce financial barriers for community-based early learning programs, enable more parents and caregivers to participate in the workforce, and ensure that more children receive important early childhood development and learning experiences.

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. 692, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

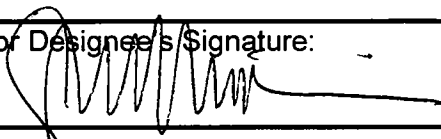
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB692 HD1 ED1	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 4/1/2025		
<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			
INOUYE, 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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