

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1062**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 239
S.D. 2

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. 239, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist child care providers in obtaining accreditation.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Child Care Accreditation Program to provide grants to child care providers who have committed to obtaining accreditation;
- (2) Extends the deadline for Preschool Open Doors service providers to commence and obtain accreditation; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the Child Care Accreditation Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Early Learning Board, Executive Office on Early Learning, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, American Association of University Women of Hawaii, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and seven individuals.



Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that accreditation is among the most well-known measures of quality in early childhood education. However, obtaining accreditation is an expensive and time-consuming process. Your Committee further finds that supporting child care providers in their process to obtain accreditation will help to ensure the highest quality of child care in the State.

Your Committee requests that the need for additional grant award standards, as described in the written comments submitted by the Department of the Attorney General, be considered for inclusion by subsequent subject matter committees hearing this measure.

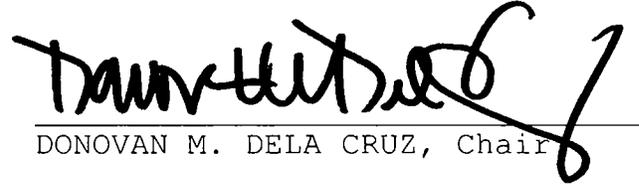
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Child Care Accreditation Program to award grant funding to a child care provider that has committed to obtaining accreditation from an accrediting organization approved by the Director of Human Services;
- (2) Adding a new section to appropriate funds out of the child care grant program special fund for the purposes of the child care grant program; and
- (3) 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 Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 239, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 239, S.D. 2.



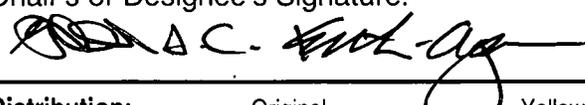
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 239 SDI	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 3/1/23		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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