

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 826

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 826 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to transfer general funds previously appropriated to the School Facilities Authority of the Department of Education to the School Facilities Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, School Facilities Authority, Executive Office on Early Learning, University of Hawai'i System, and Hui for Excellence in Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that funding early childhood education allows Hawaii's keiki to thrive and succeed in their future academic careers. However, the State is experiencing a chronic shortage of school facilities to meet the demand for pre-kindergarten programs for eligible children of the State. Therefore, your Committee further finds that, to ensure all eligible children in the State have the opportunity to attend pre-kindergarten programs, the School Facilities Authority should be



adequately funded to provide more capacity in various early childhood education programs.

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. 826 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 826 | Committee Referral: EDU, WAM | Date: 2/3/23 | | |
| <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 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 |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. (C) | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| KIM, Donna Mercado (VC) | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| KANUHA, Dru Mamo | ✓ | | | |
| RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" | ✓ | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | | | | ✓ |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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