

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1082

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1066
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1066, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Add the Head Start State Collaboration Office Director as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Early Learning Board; and
- (2) Require the Early Learning Board to invite the President of the Head Start Association of Hawaii, or the President's designee, to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Early Learning Board and Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee finds that the federal Head Start Act mandates each state to establish a State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care, which in Hawaii is the Early Learning Board. To comply with federal requirements, the Early Learning Board must include representation from Head Start

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programs operating in the State. This measure updates state law by adding the Head Start State Collaboration Office Director as an ex officio member of the Early Learning Board and inviting the President of the Head Start Association of Hawaii, or the President's designee, to join the Board in a non-voting capacity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1066, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



