

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

563

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 241
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 Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 241, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to establish a Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program to contract directly with child care center providers in licensed infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers that meet certain criteria.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Early Learning Board; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee finds that the State is facing a severe child care shortage, with licensed and regulated child care settings having the capacity to serve fewer than twenty percent of children from birth to age five. This leaves families across Hawaii with a lack of options for safe and reliable child care. Your Committee

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believes that this measure will increase access to early learning for Hawaii's children through a pilot program that will contract directly with child care center providers in licensed infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers to add additional child care services options for families.

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 H.B. No. 241, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 241 HD1	Committee Referral: HSB, EDN, FIN	Date: 2/11/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	//			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
7. KILA, Darius K.	/			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	//			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	//			
11. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Trish La Chica</u>				
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