

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

736

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 329
H.D. 2

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. 329, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the School Facilities Authority is responsible for certain development, planning, and construction projects for prekindergarten, preschool, and child care facilities, as well as workforce housing;
- (2) Authorize the School Facilities Authority to develop workforce housing for teachers on land not owned by the Department of Education;
- (3) Allow the School Facilities Authority to use the Department of Education for certain recruitment and hiring responsibilities; and
- (4) Allow the School Facilities Authority to partner with public and private development agencies to develop prekindergarten facilities.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the School Facilities Authority and Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; Office of Information Practice; and Department of Community Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the statutory authority delegated to the School Facilities Authority could be carried out with greater efficiency if amendments were made. This measure clarifies the responsibilities of the School Facilities Authority to better carry out its statutory duties and responsibilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have specified certain responsibilities of the School Facilities Authority under chapter 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Clarifying that the School Facilities Authority is responsible for projects related to:
 - (A) Certain facilities for prekindergarten, preschool, child care, and early learning programs;
 - (B) Workforce housing; and
 - (C) Any public school development, planning, and construction assigned by the Legislature, Governor, or Board of Education; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 329, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Tarnas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Tarnas" clearly distinguishable.

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB329 HD1	Committee Referral: EDN, JHA, FIN	Date: 02/11/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9	0	0	2
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: _____				
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