

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

847

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2, 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 projects related to:
 - (A) Certain facilities for prekindergarten, preschool, child care, and early learning programs;
 - (B) Workforce housing for educators and other education workers; and
 - (C) Any public school development, planning, and construction assigned by the Legislature, Governor, or Board of Education;
- (2) Allow the School Facilities Authority to use the Department of Education for certain recruitment and hiring responsibilities; and



- (3) Allow the School Facilities Authority to partner with public and private development agencies to develop prekindergarten facilities.

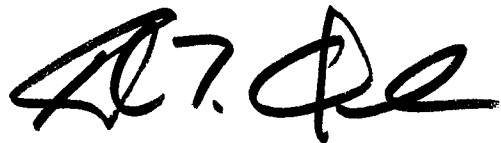
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the School Facilities Authority; EPD Corp.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; and Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!.

Your Committee notes the concerns from the Department of the Attorney General in its written testimony regarding:

- (1) The Department of Education's lack of jurisdiction over child care and early learning programs that are not on public school campuses;
- (2) Whether the School Facilities Authority is responsible for the repair and maintenance of prekindergarten and preschool programs on Department of Education or public charter school campuses; and
- (3) Whether workforce housing for educators and other education workers must be on public school property to qualify as a public school project.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 329, HD 2	Committee Referral: EDN, JHA, FIN	Date: 2/20/25		
<input checked="" 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	/			
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	/			
4. HOLT, Daniel	/			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika	/			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	/			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	/			
8. KUSCH, Matthias	/			
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	/			
10. LEE, Mike	/			
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	/			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	/			
14. ALCOS III, David				/
15. REYES ODA, Julie	/			
16. WARD, Gene				/
TOTAL (16)	14	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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