

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1787

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 549
H.D. 3
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 549, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING
APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to award grants to early learning program service providers that participate in a state- or federally-approved early learning apprentice program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Early Learning Board, Executive Office on Early Learning, Department of Human Services, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii State Board of Education, City and County of Honolulu, American Association of University Women Hawaii, Holomua Collaborative, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Parents And Children Together, Hui for Excellence in Education, Parents for Public Schools of Hawaii, Kauai Democratic Party/HCAN Ohana Leadership Council, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that early learning apprenticeship programs provide invaluable learning experiences and an incentive for individuals to become early learning professionals. However,



many early learning providers cannot afford to pay the higher wages required for an apprentice program. Your Committee believes that this measure will help to provide funding so that more early learning providers can participate in apprenticeship programs and ultimately increase the availability of early learning programs throughout the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 549, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB549 HD3 SD1	Committee Referral: HRE/EDU, WAM	Date: 4/2/2025		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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