STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1651

Honolulu, Hawaii

An:19 , 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1329

S.D. 2 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1329, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the efforts of the Early Learning Council (Council) to develop the State's early learning system by:

- (1) Clarifying the membership on the Council;
- (2) Directing the Council to develop a plan to ensure that the needs of junior kindergarteners are addressed;
- (3) Renaming the Keiki First Steps Trust Fund as the Early Learning Trust Fund (Trust Fund); and
- (4) Specifying that any unexpended general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009 designated for the early learning system shall lapse into the Trust Fund on June 30, 2009.

The Department of Education, Early Learning Council, Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Good Beginnings Alliance, and Aloha United Way supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill. The Department of Human Services offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions that lapse unexpended general fund appropriations designated for the early learning system into the Trust Fund on June 30, 2009; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency.

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 S.B. No. 1329, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1329, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: SB 1329, SD2, HD1 EDN, FIN Pri/1,2009				
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	ν			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				Home.
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	V			
5. BROWER, Tom	V			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	U			
7. COFFMAN, Denny	V			ettalieli et ej
8. HAR, Sharon E.	V			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	V			
10. LEE, Chris	V			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	v			
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
14. WOOLEY, Jessica	V			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	V			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	and the second s			-
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	16	0	\bigcirc	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Marily B. Lee				
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