

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2761

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2969  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2969 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funding for early learning programs of the State.

Specifically, the measure authorizes:

- (1) Taxpayers to designate \$25 of their state tax refund be paid to the early learning trust fund; and
- (2) The early learning trust fund to accept payments from income tax refunds.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Early Learning Council. Your Committee received comments from the Department of Human Services; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Good Beginnings Alliance.

Your Committee finds that the Early Learning Council is entrusted with developing and administering the State's early learning system for prenatal to kindergarten children known as Keiki First Steps. Authorizing taxpayers to designate \$25 of their state tax refund be paid to the early learning trust fund will assist the Early Learning Council in meeting its funding needs.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the taxable year for which this bill applies to years beginning after July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment to conform with recommended drafting conventions.

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 S.B. No. 2969, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2969, S.D. 1.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

☒ Pass, unamended 2312    
 ☒ Pass, with amendments 2311    
 ☐ Hold 2310    
 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado		✓		
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	2	0	0

Recommendation: ☒ Adopted     ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kalani*

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