

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1095  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 1095 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to implement an amendment to article X, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, upon its ratification, permitting the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs by establishing a statewide early learning childhood education consisting providers of high-quality early childhood education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor; Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Health; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; KCAA Preschools of Hawai'i; Imua Family Services; Child & Family Service; Parents and Children Together; Good Beginnings Alliance; Community Children's Council of Hawaii; Hawaii State Parent Teacher Student Association; Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under Served, Elderly and Disabled; Hawaii Business Roundtable; Kamehameha Schools; Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children; Westside Service Provider Network; Hui for Excellence in Education; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Chaminade University of Honolulu; and twenty-nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.



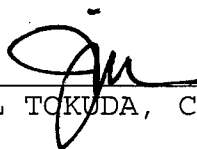
Your Committee finds that high quality early learning programs that are affordable and accessible for all children are critically important for ensuring the success of Hawaii's keiki. In addition, significant, long-term benefits realized through investments in high-quality, early learning systems have been proven through decades of research. Hawaii is one of only eleven states that does not publicly fund early education.

Your Committee recognizes the need to form public-private partnerships to provide Hawaii's keiki with high-quality early childhood education. This measure, which will be implemented upon the ratification of an amendment to article X, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, will allow the Office on Early Learning to contract with private early learning education programs, which have been the mainstay providers for early education in our State. This program will assist more children in establishing a solid foundation for success in school and life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1095, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1095, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
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JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SB 1095</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">EDU, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">1-30-13</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"> </div>				
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