STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 7 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2595 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2595 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- Make the early learning public prekindergarten program
  available to all eligible children by the 2020-2021
  school year; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee finds that prekindergarten programs are a valuable investment in Hawaii's children which encourages student development and lays the foundation for future success. Early childhood education is particularly vital for at-risk students. Research indicates that participation in early learning programs dramatically raises a student's likelihood of graduating high school and being employed after graduation, and reduces a student's likelihood of being incarcerated.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Removing the section appropriating funds for the program; and
- (2) 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. 2595, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2595, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)					
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				<b></b>	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
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SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:					
Chair's on Designee's Signature:					
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