

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 181

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 181 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reestablish eligibility for the preschool open doors program to include three-year-old children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Children's Action Network, Kamehameha Schools, Parents and Children Together, Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that when first established in 1991, the preschool open doors program provided financial assistance to parents of three- and four-year-old children living at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. Act 169, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, reestablished the preschool open doors program as the statewide school readiness program, but only for children in the year prior to entering kindergarten, namely four-year-olds. By not providing preschool services to children when they are three years old, their school readiness will likely decrease while they wait to become eligible for these services at four years of age.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 181 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

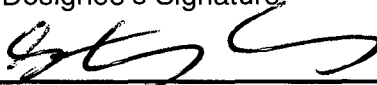


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 181	HMS, WAM	1/27/17		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes