STAND. COM. REP. NO. 316

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 2 3 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2170 H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2170, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Executive Office on Early Learning for an online platform to facilitate professional learning for Executive Office on Early Learning public pre-kindergarten program educators.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that high-quality pre-kindergarten programs, which rely on qualified educators, are necessary for positive early learning outcomes, and that early learning educators, including teachers and principals, require ongoing, targeted professional development to implement high-quality pre-kindergarten classrooms. The Executive Office on Early Learning brings together educators, including principals, several times a year for face-to-face professional learning with other educators. However, educators in rural areas have expressed a feeling of isolation upon returning to their classrooms. measure appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of an online platform that will provide a tool through which communication between early learning educators can occur and offer resources to these educators, including recorded trainings and meetings, accessible on a continuing basis.

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 H.B. No. 2170, H.D. 1, 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 Education,

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
HB2170, HD1	EDU, WAM			3/19/2018	
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)		<b>\</b> /			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ESPERO, Will					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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