

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1622

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 71

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 71 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER A SLIDING SCALE TUITION OR FEE SCHEDULE FOR STATE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Executive Office on Early Learning to examine and consider a sliding scale tuition or fee schedule for state pre-kindergarten programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, State Public Charter School Commission, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that it is essential that Hawaii's children attend pre-kindergarten programs to develop the physical, cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional skills necessary to prepare them for success in school life. Additionally, the past decade has seen a substantial increase in public investment in early learning programs by federal, state, and local governments, particularly for economically disadvantaged children. With the State's commitment to early childhood education, there will be



greater access to early childhood education for more families. However, as some households will be able to pay for some of the costs associated with pre-kindergarten education, a sliding scale tuition or fee schedule should be examined and considered.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 71 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



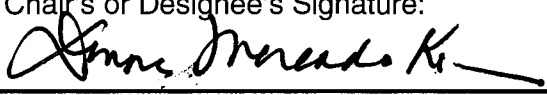
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Education**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 71</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/18/19</i>		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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