

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 312

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 312 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE WORKERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Human Services to establish and administer a two-year Infant and Toddler Child Care Worker Subsidy Pilot Program;
- (2) Require the Department of Human Services to submit annual reports on the pilot program's development and administration to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriate an unspecified amount of funds for the Infant and Toddler Child Care Worker Subsidy Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Holomua Collaborative, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, HPM Building Supply, Hawai'i Gas, AAUW of Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action Center, Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists, Title Guaranty of Hawaii, aio Foundation,



Tori Richard, and twenty-three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that a strong child care and early education workforce is necessary to support the working families, children, and communities of the State; however, the demand for quality child care and early education far exceeds the number of qualified child care and early education professionals currently available in in Hawaii, therefore hindering the efforts to maintain and expand quality, affordable child care and early education programs. This measure will enable the Legislature to make well informed decisions on effective ways to address child care issues by requiring the Department of Human services to establish and administer a two-year pilot program that seeks to retain the existing early child care workforce in licensed infant and toddler centers and report the result to the Legislature.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

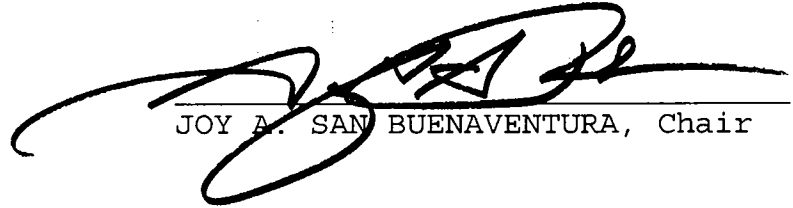
- (1) Clarifying that participation shall also be prohibited to child care workers employed by a private educational institution; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of the Department of Human Services concerning the constitutionality of this measure, as amended by your Committee, and requests that the Department of the Attorney General review the amended measure to determine whether this measure as amended complies with constitutional requirements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 312, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 312, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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

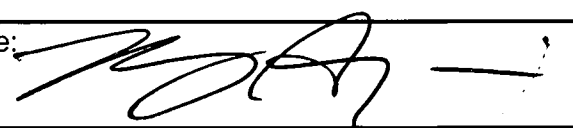


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB312	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 02/15/23		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5			
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