

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1296  
H.D. 1  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to develop strategies to timely assist deaf and hard of hearing children.

Specifically, the measure establishes and appropriates moneys for an Early Intervention Services Working Group within the Department of Health to:

- (1) Study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf and hard of hearing children, including best practices for early intervention services and education; and
- (2) Develop strategies to implement the recommendations.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Early Learning, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.



Your Committee finds that establishing an Early Intervention Services Working Group will help the Department of Health Early Intervention Section identify strategies and best practices to support young deaf and hard of hearing children, assist those children in developing oral language or sign language skills, and ensure that they have the language and communication skills needed to learn effectively in school.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

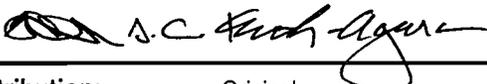
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1296 HDI SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/6/23</b>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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