STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3121

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1903

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand access of early learning programs to other state properties and public lands besides public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Human Services, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board, Special Education Advisory Council, Hui for Excellence in Education, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Kamehameha Schools, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that greater accessibility to early childhood education is a priority for the State. Presently, the Executive Office on Early Learning is authorized to operate early learning programs on public school campuses. However, other public properties may provide ideal spaces for early learning programs, expanding available inventory while offering more students with opportunities to enroll. This measure enhances the

availability of early learning programs to provide the State's youngest keiki with educational opportunities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1903, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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 Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

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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 (WF	R) Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)						
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)						
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.						
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"						
FEVELLA, Kurt						
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