

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3305  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3305 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt public charter schools that offer exclusively prekindergarten programs from certain statutory provisions affecting charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics, enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs that are applicable to other public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Hui for Excellence in Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Parents and Children Together.

Your Committee finds that the State Public Charter School Commission approved the first prekindergarten-only public charter school, PACT Parkway Villages Preschool, at the Commission's January 2024 general business meeting. Your Committee further finds that exempting prekindergarten-only public charter schools from unnecessary statutory provisions will prevent subjecting

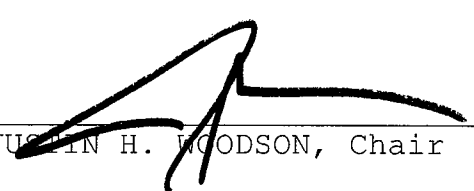


prekindergarten-only public charter schools to requirements that are inapplicable to them by virtue of being prekindergarten only and not serving other grade levels. This exemption will also help to expand access to early education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

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 S.B. No. 3305, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

  
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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



