

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 1934
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1934 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Executive Office on Early Learning to establish an Imagination Library of Hawaii Program to provide one free book each month to children from birth through five years of age who reside in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i; O'ahu Inclusive Co-op; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Hawai'i State Public Library System. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that access to books at an early age is one of the most effective ways to build literacy skills and prepare children for success in kindergarten and beyond. This measure is intended to encourage the development of a love of reading and build strong literacy skills from early childhood, regardless of a family's income.



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 H.B. No. 1934, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1934, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



