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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

SECTION 1. Section 302L-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The board shall consist of the following voting members:

(1) One voting member from the county of Hawaii;

(2) One voting member from the county of Maui;

(3) One voting member from the county of Kauai;

(4) Three voting members from the city and county of Honolulu; and

(5) Three at-large voting members.

The superintendent of education, director of human services, director of health, ~~[and]~~ president of the ~~[University]~~ university of Hawaii, and head start state collaboration office director shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the board.


The board shall invite the chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools ~~[and]~~, the executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and president of the Head

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1 Start Association of Hawaii, or their designees, to serve as ex  
2 officio, non-voting members of the board."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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7 INTRODUCED BY: 

8 BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board

**Description:**

Amends section 302L-1.6(b), HRS, to add the head start state collaboration office director as an ex officio, non-voting member of the early learning board, and to require the board to invite the president of the Head Start Association of Hawaii, or the president's designee, to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the board.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Education

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD.

PURPOSE: To add the head start state collaboration office director as an ex officio, non-voting member of the early learning board, and to require the board to invite the president of the Head Start Association of Hawaii or the president's designee as an ex officio, non-voting member of the board.

MEANS: Amend section 302L-1.6(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Section 642B(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1)(A)(i)) directs the governor of an applicable state to designate or establish a council to serve as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care pursuant to section 642B of the Head Start Act. Members of the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care include the State Director of the Head Start Collaboration Office and a representative from the Head Start agencies located in the State.

The State Advisory Council in Hawaii is the Early Learning Board (ELB). This bill aligns section 302L-1.6, HRS, with section 642B of the Head Start Act. It seeks to comply with the Head Start Act by requiring the ELB to invite the president of the Head Start Association of Hawaii or the president's designee as an ex officio, non-voting member of the board.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
The bill would bring the Department into compliance with the Head Start Act.

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GENERAL FUND:           None.

OTHER FUNDS:           None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION:           None.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES:               None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:        Upon approval.