

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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LINDA LINGLE

GOV. MSG. NO. 740

June 30, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 003 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3101 SD2 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. (ACT 259)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

ACT 259

THE SENATE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 3101 S.D. 2 H.D. 2 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. As stated in Act 51, Session Laws of 2004, the 1 legislature finds that "although many responsibilities are laid 2 upon education, ultimately education must do no less than 3 advance the endowment of human culture itself, so that each 4 succeeding generation finds itself further along the road 5 towards peace, social justice, and environmental sustainability 6 in a society guided by creativity, compassion, and curiosity." 7 While Act 51 serves as a road map for public education in a 8 critical phase of the ongoing journey during which our children 9 prepare to take on their civil role in society, the legislature 10 finds that children are born ready-to-learn, with minds that are 11 shaped significantly by experiences and environments in the 12 first five years of life. This period sets the foundation in 13 which a person forms his or her behavioral, emotional, social, 14 and decision-making skills, values, self-esteem, and lifelong 15 learning ability. In short, this period paves the way for a 16 child's healthy, successful development. 17

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 3 0 2006

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

President of the Senate

Paul? Camaral

Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

Speaker, House of Representatives

Clerk, House of Representatives