

HB821 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

Report Title: Early Childhood Education; Housekeeping

Description: Amends or repeals provisions of Chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning. (HB821 HD1)

Companion: [SB843](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, WAM

Introducer(s): TAKUMI, AQUINO, ICHIYAMA, ING, ITO, KONG, LOPRESTI, OHNO, SAY, TSUJI

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/26/2015	H	Pending introduction.
1/28/2015	H	Introduced and Passed First Reading
1/28/2015	H	Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 3
1/30/2015	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Wednesday, 02-04-15 2:00PM in House conference room 309.
2/4/2015	H	The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 11 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Aquino, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Kong, LoPresti, Say, Tsuji, Tupola; Ayes with reservations: none; 0 Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Ito, Matsumoto.
2/12/2015	H	Reported from EDN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 121), recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to FIN.
2/12/2015	H	Passed Second Reading and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and C. Lee excused (1).
2/23/2015	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Thursday, 02-26-15 11:00AM in House conference room 308.
2/26/2015	H	The committees on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 14 Ayes: Representative(s) Luke, Nishimoto, Cullen, DeCoite, Johanson, Jordan, Keohokalole, Kobayashi, Lowen, Onishi, Tokioka, Yamashita, Pouha, Ward; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Cachola.
3/6/2015	H	Reported from FIN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 799) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Third Reading.

3/6/2015	H	Forty-eight (48) hours notice Tuesday, 03-10-15.
3/10/2015	H	Passed Third Reading as amended in HD 1 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Creagan excused (1). Transmitted to Senate.
3/12/2015	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 235).
3/12/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
3/12/2015	S	Referred to EDU, WAM.
3/12/2015	S	The committee(s) on EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-16-15 1:15PM in conference room 229.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/16/2015
Time: 01:15 PM
Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0821, HD1 RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Amends or repeals provisions of Chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning. (HB821 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 821 HD1. The Department recognizes the importance of early childhood education, as well as its impact upon our children's future outcomes and the state's economic growth.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

RE: H.B. 821, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: JOAN LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Michelle Kidani, Honorable Vice Chair Breene Harimoto and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports H.B. 821, H.D. 1**, relating to early childhood education.

HSTA has long supported the position that, “early education programs should be provided through the public school system...and federal and state legislation should be enacted to fund and organize the implementation of such programs”. This position was taken by HSTA in 1987 and continues to be our position today.

HSTA took the position in 2014 that “early childhood education programs (preschool and kindergarten) should provide students with learning opportunities that are developmentally appropriate...” Developmentally appropriate curriculum at an early age will equip the preschooler for a successful kindergarten experience.

HSTA submits our testimony in **support of H.B. 821, H.D. 1** on behalf of our 13,500+ public and charter statewide school teachers. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

March 16, 2015

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for HB821 HD1, which amends or repeals provisions of Chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, for housekeeping and other purposes.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

We support the changes being proposed in HB821 HD1 relating to early education, in particular, the change in the definition of "early childhood education" to mean a developmentally appropriate early childhood development and education program for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten. We understand that currently there are some definitions that say from birth to age eight, which becomes confusing because it overlaps with the Kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) system. The change would allow clarity in statute, and allow for more efficient and effective handling of early education programs.

We noticed that in HB821 HD1 the effective date has been changed to July 1, 2030 to encourage further discussion. We prefer the Senate companion version SB843, which allows the Act to be effective upon its approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

Academy 21
After-School All-Stars Hawaii
Alliance for Place Based Learning
*Castle Complex Community Council
*Castle-Kahuku Principal and CAS
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*Good Beginnings Alliance
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*Hawaii State PTSA
Hawai'i State Student Council
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University of Hawai'i College of Education
YMCA of Honolulu

Voting Members () Voting member organizations vote on action items while individual and non-voting participants may collaborate on all efforts within the coalition.*



March 16, 2015

To: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Good Beginnings Alliance

RE: **Support for HB 821 HD1: RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
Hearing: March 16, 2015 at 1:15 PM, Conference Room 229

Good Beginnings Alliance is in support of HB 821 HD1, an important housekeeping measure relating to early childhood education.

Good Beginnings Alliance is Hawaii's leading independent, policy and advocacy non-profit organization on children's health, education and safety. We build a united voice to educate and advocate for Hawaii's children.

This measure will correct two critical issues:

1) It defines "early childhood education" as "a developmentally appropriate early childhood development program for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten." This is important to ensure proper boundaries between the role of Executive Office on Early Learning and the role of Department of Education for K-12 instruction.

2) It clearly defines that the Executive Office on Early Learning has the authority to use and expend federal funds for the purpose of early childhood education.

These housekeeping measures are critical to insure that the Executive Office on Early Learning is able to function effectively and serve our youngest children.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge members of the committee to pass this bill.

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB821 on Mar 16, 2015 13:15PM*
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015 8:31:19 PM

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Submitted on: 3/15/2015

Testimony for EDU on Mar 16, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert G. Peters	ELAB	Support	No

Comments:

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TO: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW
Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: **Monday, March 16, 2015 at 1:15 p.m. in Conf. Rm. 229**

Testimony in support of HB821 HD1, Relating to Early Childhood Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB821, which is an important housekeeping measure relating to early childhood education. PHOCUSED is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization that works together with community stakeholders to impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our community, including low-income families with young children in the home. ***We note that this bill is similar in nature to SB843, with no substantial changes in the language.***

HB821 addresses two critical issues:

- Defines “early childhood education” as “a developmentally appropriate early childhood development program for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten.” This is important to ensure proper boundaries between the role of Executive Office on Early Learning and the role of the Department of Education for K-12 instruction.
- Clearly defines that the Executive Office on Early Learning has the authority to use and expend federal funds for the purpose of early childhood education.

Once again, PHOCUSED urges your support for this bill. These measures are critical to ensure that the Executive Office on Early Learning functions effectively to serve Hawaii's keiki. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education
Monday, March 16, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 821 HD1 RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 821 HD1, which amends or repeals provisions of Chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber strongly believes that focusing on early childhood is critical because brain development takes place by age five. We believe it is imperative to begin investing early in a child's life, when the brain is in this state of tremendous growth potential. In 2008, the Hawaii Economic Benefits Study of early education for Hawai'i showed that for every \$1 Hawai'i invests in a quality four-year early learning program, the state will receive a return of \$4.20. This is not only about return of investment, but in providing for our employees and their children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Monday, March 16, 2015

Relating to House Bill 821 House Draft 1
Testifying in Strong Support

Aloha, Chair Kidani, Vice-Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii **strongly supports HB821 HD1 Relating to Early Childhood Education**, which amends or repeals provisions of Chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning.

This bill is an important housekeeping measure that clearly defines early childhood education as “a developmentally appropriate early childhood development and education program from birth until the time they enter kindergarten.” The definition is good because it not only sets the boundaries between the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) and the Department of Education, but also because it ensures the term is used consistently throughout the statute.

It also clarifies that EOEL has the authority to expend federal funds, which will allow it to leverage federal grants and other moneys for the purpose of early childhood education.

For these reasons, we support HB821 HD1 and urge your support for its passage.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Stephanie Ohigashi
Chairperson, Democratic Party of Hawai'i

And The Legislation Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

March 16, 2015

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education,
and Members of the Senate Committee on Education
From: GG Weisenfeld
Wimmie Wong Lui
RE: H. B. 821 HD 1 Relating to Early Childhood Education

Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I, along with Wimmie Wong Lui, am presenting testimony regarding H.B.821 HD 1, Relating to Early Childhood Education, the purpose of which is to amend or repeal provisions of Chapters 302A and 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, for housekeeping and other purposes.

We are both private citizens who are interested in advancing early learning in our state.

We have previously testified in favor of S. B. 843 the companion measure. H. B. 821 H D 1 is substantially the same.

The bill creates a definition of "early childhood education" that is consistent with the early learning system the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) is tasked with developing pursuant to Section 302L--2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The bill ensures the term "early childhood education" is used consistently throughout statute.

H. B. 821 HD 1 also clarifies that the mission of EOEL is the education of children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten, while the mission of the Hawaii Department of Education is that of children from kindergarten through grade 12.

We recommend that the effective date be amended to upon approval.

We urge the committee to pass this bill, moving it forward for further consideration.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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