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Measure Title:	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A BROADER RANGE OF INCOMES.
Report Title:	Early Head Start; Eligibility
Description:	
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March 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **S.C.R. 66** – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE EARLY HEAD
START PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A BROADER RANGE OF INCOMES

Hearing: Tuesday, March 31, 2015; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.C.R. 66 is to request the Department of Human Services to explore the feasibility of expanding the Early Head Start program to include a broader range of incomes and to determine whether expanding income eligibility would allow children not currently receiving services to enroll in Early Head Start programs.

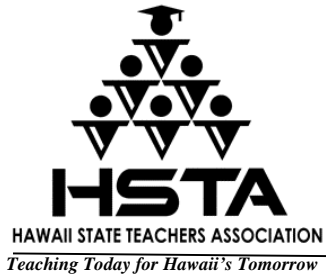
DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and provides comment. The DHS informs the Committees that it does not have any rule making or any other authority over the Head Start Program and refers the Committees to the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) and/or the Department of Education (DOE) regarding the requests contained in the measure. Further, the Head Start Program rules are established by the Federal government; the Office of Head Start

is an Office of the Administration for Children & Families, within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2012, established the transfer of the Head Start Collaboration Office from the DHS to the EOEL. The Head Start Collaboration Office director facilitates collaboration among Hawaii's federal Head Start and Early Head Start grantees.

Furthermore, under Act 178, the EOEL will move to the DOE for administrative purposes on July 1, 2015. Act 178 is codified as section 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
AND
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

RE: SCR 66

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

The Honorable Chairs Chun Oakland and Kidani, Vice Chairs Green and Harimoto and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports SCR 66** requesting the Department of Human Services “to explore the feasibility of expanding the early head start program to include a broader range of incomes...”

HSTA has long supported early childhood education and believes that this resolution recognizes those children who are under served yet need early intervention to be school ready by kindergarten.

HSTA supports the expansion of early education opportunities that make education more affordable for families.

HSTA **supports SCR 66**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: and also to look into programs that will service the houseless and others who can not access school programs.

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