
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that high-quality pre-
2 kindergarten programs, which rely on qualified educators, are
3 necessary for positive early learning outcomes. In addition to
4 specialized coursework and training in early childhood
5 education, early learning educators, including both teachers and
6 principals, require ongoing, targeted professional development
7 to implement high-quality pre-kindergarten classrooms.

8 In its implementation of its public pre-kindergarten
9 program, the executive office on early learning brings together
10 educators, including principals, several times a year for face-
11 to-face professional learning with other educators. However,
12 educators in rural areas have expressed a feeling of isolation
13 upon returning to their classrooms. The legislature finds that
14 it is critical to provide these educators with equitable access
15 to needed resources and regular collaboration with their peers
16 and mentors in a professional learning community to help improve
17 instruction and deliver a high-quality pre-kindergarten program.



1 The development and maintenance of an online platform by
2 the executive office on early learning will provide a tool
3 through which communication between early learning educators can
4 occur and that can provide resources to these educators,
5 including recorded trainings and meetings, accessible on a
6 continuing basis, thus providing the permanency needed for an
7 effective online community of learners.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
9 executive office on early learning for an online platform to
10 facilitate professional learning for executive office on early
11 learning pre-kindergarten program educators.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for an
15 online platform to facilitate professional learning for
16 executive office on early learning public pre-kindergarten
17 program educators.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive
19 office on early learning for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Executive Office on Early Learning; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Early Learning for an online platform to facilitate professional learning for Executive Office on Early Learning public pre-kindergarten program educators. (HB2170 HD1)

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