A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM.

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

1	SECTION 1. Section 346-181, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3	"(b) Subject to the availability of funds, the program
4	shall serve four-year-old children, with priority extended to:
5	(1) Children who are not eligible to attend public school
6	kindergarten in the calendar year in which they turn
7	five years of age because their birth date occurs
8	after the kindergarten eligibility date pursuant to
9	section 302A-411; and
10	(2) Underserved or at-risk children[-], as defined in
11	section 302L-1."
12	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
14	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Preschool Open Doors Program; At-risk Children; Underserved Children

Description:

Clarifies the definition of "at-risk children" as it relates to the priority given by the preschool open doors program to underserved or at-risk children who are not eligible to attend public school kindergarten in the calendar year in which they turn five years of age because their birth date occurs after the kindergarten eligibility date. (SD1)

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