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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is significant  
2 benefit from substantial investment in high-quality early  
3 learning programs. Extensive research affirms the positive  
4 effects of high-quality early learning programs on outcomes for  
5 young children. The legislature further finds that children who  
6 have accessed such programs are more likely to succeed in  
7 kindergarten, later in life, and well into adulthood.  
8 Longitudinal studies have also indicated that children,  
9 particularly those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds,  
10 benefit from high-quality early learning programs. Furthermore,  
11 research demonstrates that investments in early learning  
12 programs yield economic benefits and reduce long-term social  
13 costs.

14           Given the critical need to expand access to high-quality  
15 early care and education programs for the benefit of the State's  
16 children and their families, the purpose of this Act is to  
17 enhance the capacity and resources of the executive office on



1 early learning for the purposes of expanding early learning  
2 programs and services.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$170,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the  
6 executive office on early learning, to be allocated as follows:

7 (1) \$105,000 for one full-time (1.00 FTE) permanent  
8 business management officer to facilitate, coordinate,  
9 and monitor budgets and fiscal processes; and

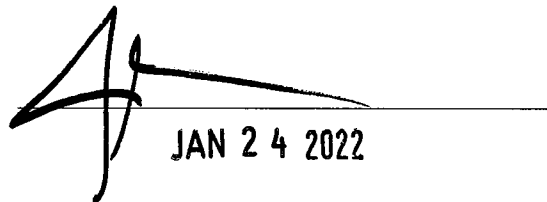
10 (2) \$65,000 for one full-time (1.00 FTE) permanent  
11 contract specialist to facilitate, coordinate, and  
12 monitor contracts and the procurement process related  
13 to the implementation of early learning programs and  
14 services.

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# H.B. NO. 1939

**Report Title:**

Executive Office on Early Learning; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for two positions in the executive office on early learning to enhance capacity and resources of the office.

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