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



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

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



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. Effective 7/1/2051. (SD1)

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