
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD TO EVALUATE AND REPORT TO
THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE BOARD'S COMPOSITION AND
CHARTER AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, expanded the
2 purview of the Early Learning Board, elevated the Board from an
3 advisory to governing capacity, and altered the composition of
4 the board; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board's charter was originally
7 adopted in 2014, when the Board acted solely in an advisory
8 capacity; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board is placed within the
11 Department of Education for administrative purposes, is tasked
12 with the critical function of formulating statewide policy
13 relating to early learning, and is responsible for:

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15 (1) Directing the Executive Office on Early Learning
16 (EOEL) on how best to meet the developmental and
17 educational needs of children, from prenatal care to
18 entry into kindergarten;
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20 (2) Providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the
21 quality, availability, and coordination of early
22 learning programs;
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24 (3) Promoting collaboration across agencies and
25 stakeholders serving young children; and
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27 (4) Appointing the EOEL director and evaluating the
28 director on an annual basis; and
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30 WHEREAS, since 2017, multiple measures have been introduced
31 to amend or add to the composition of the Early Learning Board,
32 without comprehensive consideration of the Board's charter or
33 strategic plan; and



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2 WHEREAS, the composition of the Early Learning Board is set
3 by statute and is not subject to the discretion of the Board;
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6 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board's charter and any
7 strategic planning, on the other hand, are matters within the
8 purview of the Board's discretion; and
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10 WHEREAS, an evaluation of the current board composition and
11 charter, in relation to the development of a strategic plan, is
12 necessary to inform any future legislation related to the
13 composition of the Early Learning Board or its powers and
14 functions; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
18 that the Early Learning Board is requested to conduct an
19 evaluation of its current composition and charter, in relation
20 to the development of a strategic plan; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is
23 requested to develop a five-year strategic plan, propose
24 amendments to its charter, or both, to guide the Early Learning
25 Board going forward and inform any improvements thereto; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is
28 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
29 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
30 2023 that includes the following:
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- 32 (1) Findings and recommendations, including any proposed
33 legislation, related to the Board's composition;
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35 (2) Findings and recommendations, including any proposed
36 amendments, related to the Board's charter; and
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38 (3) Findings and recommendations related to the
39 development and implementation of a five-year
40 strategic plan for the Board, if any; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Early
3 Learning Board and Superintendent of Education.

