
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general
3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
4 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
5 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2024-2025 to be deposited into the preschool open doors
7 special fund.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the preschool open
9 doors special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as
10 may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or
11 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025
12 for the preschool grant program; the hiring of three temporary
13 information technology positions without regard to chapter 89,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to support modifications to the
15 preschool open doors program; and the data governance issues
16 necessitated by Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, and Act
17 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021; provided that funds



1 appropriated pursuant to this section may also be expended on
2 additional permanent staff, benefit expenses related to the new
3 staff, and costs associated with necessary modifications to the
4 preschool open doors program; provided further that funds
5 appropriated pursuant to this section may be expended without
6 regard to chapters 103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as
7 the case may be.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

10 PART II

11 SECTION 3. Section 346-184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) Accreditation under this section shall be obtained
14 from one or more of the following national early learning
15 accrediting organizations:

- 16 (1) National Association for the Education of Young
17 Children;
- 18 (2) National Early Childhood Program Accreditation;
- 19 (3) National Association for Family Child Care; or
- 20 (4) An accrediting organization approved by the director[+
21 ~~provided that the accrediting organization is~~



1 two years prior to kindergarten entry pursuant to section
2 302A-411, with priority extended in the following order to:

- 3 (1) Children who are not eligible to attend public school
- 4 kindergarten in the calendar year in which they turn
- 5 five years of age because their birth date occurs
- 6 after the kindergarten eligibility date pursuant to
- 7 section 302A-411; [~~and~~]
- 8 (2) Underserved or at-risk [~~children,~~] four-year-old
- 9 children who were previously served as a
- 10 three-year-old child, as defined by rules adopted by
- 11 the department[~~;~~];
- 12 (3) Four-year-old children who were previously served as a
- 13 three-year-old child;
- 14 (4) Four-year-old children;
- 15 (5) Underserved or at-risk three-year-old children, as
- 16 defined by rules adopted by the department; and
- 17 (6) Three-year-old children."

18 SECTION 6. Section 346-182, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) There is established within the state treasury the
21 preschool open doors special fund, to be administered by the



1 department's child care assistance program, into which shall be
2 deposited all moneys received by the department's child care
3 assistance program in the form of:

- 4 (1) Fees;
- 5 (2) Grants;
- 6 (3) Donations;
- 7 (4) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;
- 8 (5) Federal funds;
- 9 [~~5~~] (6) Revenues regardless of their source; and
- 10 [~~6~~] (7) Earnings on moneys in the fund.

11 Moneys in the fund shall be used for the procurement of health
12 and human services under the preschool open doors program.
13 Expenditures from the fund may be made by the department without
14 allotment but shall not be made for capital improvement
15 projects."

16 SECTION 7. Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, is
17 amended by amending section 14 to read as follows:

18 "SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
19 provided that:

- 20 (1) Section 5 shall be repealed on July 1, 2022, and
21 section 302L-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be



1 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
2 prior to the effective date of this Act;

3 ~~[(2) Section 6 shall be repealed on July 1, 2024, and~~
4 ~~section 346-181, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be~~
5 ~~reenacted in the form in which it read on the day~~
6 ~~prior to the effective date of this Act;]~~ and

7 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) Section 11 shall take effect on July 1, 2021."

8 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Preschool Open Doors; Accreditation; Executive Office on Early Learning; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the preschool open doors program and executive office on early learning to expand access to preschool and to implement program changes required by previous acts. Expands the types of entities from which a preschool open doors service provider may obtain accreditation. Authorizes the preschool open doors special fund to accept federal funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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