
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302L- Early learning board; qualifications;
5 administration priorities. (a) Upon the nomination of any
6 voting member to the board established pursuant to section
7 302L-1.6, the governor shall provide written documentation
8 articulating the administration's goals and priorities with
9 respect to the formation of a highly-functioning, well-balanced
10 board and describing the nominee's qualifications.

11 (b) Each nominee shall meet the following minimum
12 qualifications:

13 (1) Demonstrate integrity, civic virtue, and high ethical
14 standards and be willing to hold fellow board members
15 to the same;

16 (2) Commit to being a conscientious and attentive board
17 member;



1 (3) Have an understanding of early learning governance or
2 be willing to be trained in early learning governance;
3 and

4 (4) Have an understanding of the board's responsibility in
5 developing and promoting a clear, long-term strategic
6 vision for early learning and systems building.

7 (c) Each nominee shall ideally meet the following
8 qualifications:

9 (1) Have substantial leadership experience that
10 illustrates the nominee's ability to function among
11 diverse colleagues as an effective team member, with
12 the ability to articulate, understand, and help shape
13 consensus on board policies;

14 (2) Demonstrate a deep and abiding interest in early
15 childhood and a dedication to the social, academic,
16 and healthy development of children; and

17 (3) Bring an expertise in one or more professional
18 disciplines of education, health, human services,
19 business, workforce development, family engagement,
20 early childhood development, or brain development."



1 SECTION 2. Section 302L-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The board shall consist of the following voting
4 members:

5 ~~[(1) A representative of center-based program providers or
6 the representative's designee;~~

7 ~~(2) A representative of family child care program
8 providers;~~

9 ~~(3) A representative of family-child interaction learning
10 program providers;~~

11 ~~(4) A representative of philanthropic organizations that
12 support early learning or the representative's
13 designee;~~

14 ~~(5) A representative from a head start provider agency;~~

15 ~~(6) A representative from the Hawaii Early Intervention
16 Coordinating Council;~~

17 ~~(7) A parent representative;~~

18 ~~(8) A representative from the Hawaii chapter of the
19 American Academy of Pediatrics;~~

20 ~~(9) A representative of home-visiting program providers;~~



1 ~~(10) A representative of Hawaiian medium early learning~~
2 ~~providers; and~~

3 ~~(11) A representative of the Hawaii Council of Mayors, or~~
4 ~~the representative's designee.]~~

5 (1) One voting member from the county of Hawaii;

6 (2) One voting member from the county of Maui;

7 (3) One voting member from the county of Kauai;

8 (4) One voting member from the city and county of
9 Honolulu;

10 (5) One voting member who is a representative of Hawaiian
11 medium early learning providers;

12 (6) One voting member who is a pediatrician with child
13 development focus; and

14 (7) Three at-large voting members.

15 The superintendent of education, director of human
16 services, director of health, and president of the University of
17 Hawaii shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the
18 board.

19 The board shall invite the chief executive officer of
20 Kamehameha Schools and the executive director of the Hawaii



1 Association of Independent Schools, or their designees, to serve
2 as ~~[voting]~~ ex officio, non-voting members of the board.

3 (c) ~~[Except for the superintendent of education, directors
4 of state departments, president of the University of Hawaii,
5 chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools, and the executive
6 director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, or
7 their designees, the members of the board shall serve staggered
8 terms as follows:~~

9 (1) ~~The representative of center-based program providers
10 shall serve a two-year term;~~

11 (2) ~~The representative of family child care program
12 providers shall serve a three-year term;~~

13 (3) ~~The representative of family-child interaction
14 learning program providers shall serve a three-year
15 term;~~

16 (4) ~~The representative of philanthropic organizations that
17 support early learning shall serve a two-year term;~~

18 (5) ~~The representative from a head start provider agency
19 shall serve a three-year term;~~

20 (6) ~~The representative from the Hawaii Early Intervention
21 Coordinating Council shall serve a three-year term;~~



1 ~~(7) The parent representative shall serve a two-year term;~~

2 ~~(8) The representative from the Hawaii chapter of the~~
3 ~~American Academy of Pediatrics shall serve a two-year~~
4 ~~term;~~

5 ~~(9) The representative of home-visiting program providers~~
6 ~~shall serve a three-year term;~~

7 ~~(10) The representative of Hawaiian medium early learning~~
8 ~~providers shall serve a two-year term; provided that~~
9 ~~the prohibition against serving more than two~~
10 ~~consecutive terms not to exceed eight consecutive~~
11 ~~years pursuant to section 26-34(a) shall not apply to~~
12 ~~the representative of Hawaiian medium early learning~~
13 ~~providers' term limit; and~~

14 ~~(11) The representative of the Hawaii Council of Mayors~~
15 ~~shall serve a three-year term.]~~

16 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the governor
17 shall set the terms of the voting members initially appointed to
18 the board as follows:

19 (1) Three voting members shall serve one-year terms;

20 (2) Three voting members shall serve two-year terms; and

21 (3) Three voting members shall serve three-year terms;



1 provided that the term of the voting members shall be three
2 years, except as provided for in the initial appointment in this
3 subsection; provided further that voting members shall serve no
4 more than three consecutive three-year terms; provided further
5 that the voting members who are initially appointed to terms of
6 two years or less pursuant to this subsection may be reappointed
7 to three ensuing consecutive three-year terms. If a voting
8 member is nominated to a second or subsequent consecutive term,
9 the senate shall consider the question of whether to reconfirm
10 the voting member at least one hundred twenty days prior to the
11 expiration of the voting member's immediately preceding term;
12 provided that if the senate has not taken final action to
13 reconfirm the voting member by the one hundred twenty-day
14 deadline, the voting member may continue to serve until the
15 senate takes final action on the reconfirmation.

16 (d) Every voting member may serve beyond the expiration
17 date of the voting member's term of appointment until the voting
18 member's successor has been appointed by the governor and
19 confirmed by the senate.

20 (e) The board shall create an early learning stakeholder
21 advisory council to advise the board. The council shall meet at



1 least four times a year. Council members may serve on board
2 subcommittees."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000;
6 provided that the amendments made to section 302L-1.6, Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes, shall not be repealed when that section is
8 reenacted on June 30, 2025, pursuant to Act 173, Session Laws of
9 Hawaii 2021, section 3, as amended by Act 109, Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2022, section 14.



Report Title:

Early Learning Board; Appointment; Governor; Early Learning Stakeholder Advisory Council

Description:

Amends the composition and qualifications of the Early Learning Board. Establishes general qualifications for the members of the Early Learning Board appointed by the Governor. Requires the Early Learning Board to establish an Early Learning Stakeholder Advisory Council. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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