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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302L-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
3 "(c) The program shall serve three- and four-year-old
4 children who are in the two years prior to kindergarten entry
5 pursuant to section 302A-411, with priority extended to
6 underserved or at-risk children, as defined in section 302L-1,
7 and children having a parent or guardian who is a public school
8 teacher. The program shall follow the academic year schedule of
9 the department of education and be aligned with the full-day
10 kindergarten classroom schedule of each school. Enrollment
11 priority for each school shall be given but is not limited to
12 children who attend prekindergarten at schools to which the
13 children will be assigned upon entering kindergarten under
14 section 302A-1143[-] and children having a parent or guardian
15 employed at the school as a teacher. An application for a child
16 to receive any form of priority under this subsection shall
17 include evidence of parental or guardian ineligibility for the



1 child care subsidy program and preschool open doors program, in
2 a manner established by the executive office on early learning."

3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





S.B. NO. 574

Report Title:

EOEL; Public Prekindergarten; Public Preschool; Public School Teacher

Description:

Allows children having a parent or guardian who is a public school teacher to have priority for enrollment in the Executive Office on Early Learning public prekindergarten program.

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