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Aloha,

The 2014 Legislature has ended with small but significant wins for early learning. While we are disappointed that our efforts to support Hawaii's mixed-delivery system for early learning will be delayed due to stalled legislation, we are grateful to be able to work on parts of it now with the funding provided by the Legislature.

We are no longer one of the only states without state-funded prekindergarten. With a total of \$3 million for preschools on some public elementary school campuses, more 4-year-olds will now have access to prekindergarten opportunities and its tremendous benefits.

We thank our legislators for their decision to invest in early learning despite the many competing interests they were faced with. We thank Gov. Neil Abercrombie for being such a wonderful champion for early learning. And we deeply appreciate all those who supported the legislation with testimony and more throughout the session.

I cannot say enough about how important it is to use and expand the already-existing mixed-delivery system in our state, which includes our private providers, public preschools, and family-child interaction learning programs. We will renew our efforts next session.

In the meantime, we move into the hard work of implementation, and look forward to the turnout of the constitutional amendment in November.

Sincerely,

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