

EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, July 8, 2021
(as of June 29, 2021)

2021 Legislation

- *Bill Updates*
 - The Governor released the intent-to-veto list to the Legislature on June 21, 2021. The list included:
 - **H.B. 200, The Executive Budget.** The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) restricts states from using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) monies for general obligation bond debt services and programs that have federal fund matching requirements, of which H.B. 200 makes appropriations for. It is only these items that will be line-item vetoed. All other legislative appropriations remain.
 - **H.B. 613, Relating to Education.** This bill appropriates federal funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation and ARPA for education related services. It appropriates \$1 million of these funds to EOEL for the purpose of the Early Educator Stipend Program. If the bill is vetoed, EOEL's base budget would not be impacted, however the Office would not receive the appropriated \$1 million. The Legislature may choose to override the veto during a special session.
 - The list did not include:
 - **H.B. 1362, amendments to Act 046.** The bill has not yet been enacted but was not included on the Governor's intent-to-veto list.
 - **S.B. 1384, ELB composition.** The bill has not yet been enacted but was not included on the Governor's intent-to-veto list.
- *Special Session, July 6, 2021*
 - The Legislature will convene a special session at noon on July 6, 2021.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- *DOE Department Schools*
 - EOEL and DOE are working on finalizing the MOA for School Year 2021-2022.

Preschool Development Grant Birth through 5 (PDG B-5) Initial Grant

- *Strategic Planning (Activity 2)*
 - **Strategic Implementation Plans (SIPs).** Those interested in obtaining a packet may contact Alohi Maiava at alohilani.maiava@eoel.hawaii.gov. The plans can also be viewed on www.earlychildhoodhawaii.com. Please continue to share within your networks.
- *PDG B-5 Final Report to Secretary*
 - Hawaii will be submitting its Final Report to Secretary to the Administration for Children and Families by July 30th, 2021. Upon submittal, Hawaii will have completed all grant requirements and responsibilities related to the PDG B-5 2018 award.

- *PDG B-5 National TA for Hawaii*
 - Hawaii is completing the first year of technical assistance and has started the creation of its second Technical Assistance Plan with the Regional TA Specialist. The plan is to be finalized by October and begin in December for next calendar year.
- *2021 PDG B-5 All State Virtual Convening Announcement*
 - We ask ELB members to complete [this survey](#) to provide feedback on which topics we should consider prioritizing for our state and to collect information from those who may be interested to attend.
 - For more information regarding the virtual convening, [visit this site](#).

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- *Collaboration with HS/EHS Grantees*
 - The Head Start Association of Hawaii (HSAH) is planning a Board retreat in July, which will include a guest speaker, updates on work around the HSAH Strategic Plan, and other Association business. The HS Collab Director is an invited guest.
 - The HS Collab Director has been meeting with individual HS/EHS directors for more in-depth conversations about program operations, plans for the new SY (“HS Forward” initiative), use of relief funds, and issues that might need follow-up by the HSCO.
- *Collaboration with State Partners*
 - Bi-weekly conversations have been occurring with the DOE Special Education State Coordinator around service delivery and coordination. A “meet and greet” event is being planned between HS staff and DOE 619 Coordinators to support better understanding of services provided and to reinforce the state-level MOU currently in place.
 - Conversations have also been initiated with Early Intervention and WIC leadership around MOUs in place, as well as with the DOH Lead Poisoning Prevention Program re coordination of efforts with HS/EHS.
 - Bi-weekly conversations have been occurring with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth to promote coordination of summer outreach efforts between DOE liaisons and HS to identify and enroll children B-5 experiencing homelessness into HS/EHS programs for the new SY.