***Act 046 Coordinator Position***

***HB 1362 HD 1 SD 2 CD 1***

SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $98,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022—2023 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to coordinate, staff, and facilitate the implementation of Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, which will report to the early learning board. (p. 45)

Coordinator Position Purpose:

Coordinate implementation of Act 046 across public and private agencies to ensure safe, healthy, quality, and affordable child care and school readiness opportunities so that parents do not need to choose between employment and child care and to offer equitable access to quality care and learning opportunities for children and families aligned with their values and needs. The Coordinator reports to the Early Learning Board.

*Benchmarks Expansion Goals (EOEL & DHS)*

* Develop a build-out plan in coordination with EOEL and DHS to define the type and nature of educational and child care opportunities needed to meet the benchmarks:
  + Identify the greatest needs of communities and where they are located across the State;
  + Determine the type of expansion to meet those needs which will respect parent choice, support cultural values and guarantee best results for children;
  + Recommend public facilities (schools, libraries, UH) to serve as sites appropriate for the types of programs needed;
  + Make policy recommendations to achieve the expansion, including funding and capacity-building;
  + Monitor, and report about the implementation progress of the early care and education sector programs to EOEL and DHS;
  + In support of EOEL and DHS collaboration, serve as the point-person to coordinate Legislative reporting requirements.

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