

EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, April 14, 2022

(as of April 7, 2022)

Legislative Updates

- *2022 Bill Updates*

- H.B. No. 2000 H.D. 1 S.D. 1 (Appropriates funds to the SFA for construction of preschool facilities)—WAM held a public decision making on 4/7/22.
- S.B. No. 2819 S.D. 2 H.D. 2 (Teacher compensation)—The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- S.B. No. 2820 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 (Teacher compensation)—The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- S.B. No. 2701 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 (subsidy pilot program and appropriations to Early Learning Special Fund)—The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- S.B. No. 2700 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 (require staff of licensed and registered early childhood programs to annually provide specific information to the DHS)— The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- S.B. No. 3110 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 (renames the preschool grant program and authorizes the child care grant program special fund to be used to give grants to child care facilities)— The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- S.B. No. 2634 S.D. 1 H.D. 1 (extends Medicaid postpartum coverage)— The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- S.B. No. 2482 S.D. 1 H.D. 1 (Establishes a temporary Office of Wellness and Resilience)— The House Committee on Finance recommended its passage.
- H.B. No. 1600 H.D. 1 (supplemental State budget)—WAM had a public decision making on 4/7/22 and passed the Senate Draft.

*all bills not listed that were included in the “*ELB Bills to Consider*” Document disseminated to ELB members at the February 2022 ELB meeting have not moved forward.

- *2022 Resolution Updates*

- HCR 69 / SCR 53 (designating September as child care provider appreciation month)—For HCR 69, the House Committee on CPC recommended its passage, unamended on April 5, 2022. For SCR 53, the Senate Committee on LCA recommended its passage on April 4, 2022.
- HR 93 and SCR 217 / SR 210 (urging ELB to develop a roadmap for Act 046)—For HR 93, The House Committee on FIN recommended its passage, unamended, on April 5, 2022. SCR 217 has crossed over from the Senate to the House on March 31, 2022.
- SCR 13 / SR 7 (universal prek feasibility study)—The Senate Committee on WAM recommended its passage, unamended, on April 5, 2022.
- SCR 34 (ELB Board composition)—Crossed over from the Senate to the House on March 31, 2022 and referred to the House Committees on Education and Finance.

- *2022 Legislative Deadlines to Note*
 - Second Crossover is April 14, 2022.
 - April 14, 2022 is also the last day for the originating body to disagree with bill amendments.
 - April 19, 2022 is second lateral for Senate Concurrent Resolutions.
 - April 25, 2022 is second crossover for Concurrent Resolutions.
 - April 28, 2022 is final decking of non-fiscal bills.
 - April 29, 2022 is final decking of fiscal bills.
 - May 5, 2022 is sine die.
- *Miscellaneous Legislative Updates*
 - EOEL and DHS participated in the House Legislative Informational briefing on April 5, 2022 to review efforts underway regarding COVID-19 mitigation efforts and early learning expansion.
 - We continue to work with other departments and stakeholders as appropriate to coordinate testimony in alignment with the Office’s mission, vision, and statutory responsibilities.
 - We’ve attended hearings in-person as the Capitol has opened to the public.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- Application & Enrollment Information
 - As of March 31, 2022
 - Total applications received: 609 applications
 - Total applications approved: 516 applications
 - Maximum enrollment: 405 seats
 - Total Enrollment (end of Quarter 3): 337 seats filled
 - Waitlist total (end of Quarter 3): 42
 - Applications received: comparison to previous years

SY 18-19	SY 19-20	SY 20-21	SY 21-22
As of 2/28/19 648	As of 2/29/20 651	As of 2/28/21 563	As of 2/28/22 602
As of 3/31/19 658	As of 3/31/20 651	As of 3/31/21 567	As of 3/31/22 609

- Applications for SY 2022-23 are available for families. Schools began accepting applications from families on March 1, 2022.
 - As of March 31, 2022:
 - Total applications received: 177 applications
 - Total Application approved: 122 applications

- Maximum Enrollment: 370 seats (if maximum is approximately at 10 seats per classroom due to mask requirement)
- The application process for DOE schools to host an EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program classroom is now open. The announcement went to Complex Area Superintendents and Principals of elementary and elementary/secondary schools in February. EOEL is accepting applications for an Induction Program in SY2022-2023 with Classroom Opening in SY2023-2024. *The application deadline has been extended to April 30, 2022.*

Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program

- We are in the process of finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Hawai'i and the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Family-Child Interaction Learning Program for the Executive Office on Early Learning at Nānākuli Elementary School and Kailua Elementary School for SY 2022-2023

- Proposals were due April 7, 2022. Please see the [RFP link](#) for additional information.

Early Childhood State Plan and Sustaining PDG Activities

- *Hawai'i PDG TA Plan:*
 - There is still an opportunity to join the workshop series hosted by the PDG B-5 National TA Center designed support state teams to enhance knowledge about comprehensive systems building and engage in the development of a joint visual to aid communication efforts regarding the state's systems building progress with external stakeholders. Each workshop session will introduce new comprehensive Early Childhood Care and Education systems building content and provide time for state teams to work together on various activities. It is recommended that interested participants attend the workshops in state teams and plan to attend every workshop session as the content and activities will build on each other, so if any interested ELB members or other state plan and SIP stakeholders would like to join with our team, please email alohilani.maiava@eoel.hawaii.gov for registration information. The workshop sessions will take place from 12-4 PM Eastern/6 AM-10AM PM HST on the following dates:
 - **COMPLETED- Workshop 1: Comprehensive ECCE System Visualization Overview**- Wednesday, March 23
 - **Workshop 2: A Framework for Visualizing your Comprehensive ECCE System**- Tuesday, May 17
 - **Workshop 3: Developing your Comprehensive ECCE System Visualization**- Thursday, July 21
 - **Workshop 4: Communicating your ECCE System Using the Developed Visualization**- Thursday, September 22

- *Champion Engagement*
 - Champion Capacity Survey: <https://forms.gle/TPJjQnKkM9dibLz59>
For all Champions of the Early Childhood Strategic Implementation Plans, this is an opportunity to share details on needs that could support your work as a champion. EOEL and the Early Childhood State Plan project manager will use this information to inform their champion engagement processes and find resources that could support teams.
 - The Project Manager continues with alignment discussion and planning activities relating to various grants mentioned in previous updates and Acts 046/210, and engagement meetings with individual champion organizations to better understand champion needs.

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- The HHSSCO continues to work with DHS/CCPO and Cardinal Mailing Services for the bulk mailing of information to TANF-eligible families to increase enrollment in HS/EHS programs.
- The HHSSCO, as well as two HS/EHS programs, have been working on submitting their federal refunding applications to the Office of Head Start by April 1.
- The Head Start Association, with support from the HHSSCO, continues to refine its EHS state policy agenda document - a 2-page, double-sided booklet format - targeted to be ready for distribution by late April.
- The quarterly Head Start Association board meeting on April 13th will include the election of new officers for the Association, including its President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Plans are underway for an annual Hawaii/Outer Pacific HS Institute in May 2022 – with staff participating in-person in Kona, or virtually, to enhance program operations as a learning community.

Communications

- *Community Engagement*
 - The Engagement Team will be sending introductory emails throughout April to begin the small group discussions as planned. The Team will also look to meet with the Institutional Analyst when they officially start. We look forward to beginning discussions and updating the board as the work continues.
- *Under 5 Vaccination Efforts*
 - EOEL continues to assist in the state’s vaccination planning for children 6 months through 4 years old. DOH continues to look for families willing to be featured in videos encouraging parents to get vaccinated, and specifically for families who look forward to getting their young children vaccinated. We ask that any Early Learning Board members who might be of assistance contact Communications Specialist Ke’ōpū Reelitz.