

**EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, June 9, 2022**  
(as of June 3, 2022)

**Legislative Updates**

- *2022 Bill Updates*
  - Departments are currently meeting with the Governor and his team to review bills.
- *2022 Legislative Deadlines to Note*
  - Bills sent to the Governor after April 19, 2022 become law if he signs or neither signs nor vetoes by July 12, 2022.
  - If the Governor intends to veto a bill, the Governor must inform the Legislature by June 27, 2022 and deliver the veto by July 12, 2022. If it is vetoed, it does not become law unless the Legislature successfully overrides the veto in special session by a 2/3 vote in each chamber, which must be convened at or before noon on July 12, 2022.

**EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program**

As of May 31, 2022

- Total applications received: 610 applications
- Total applications approved: 518 applications
- Maximum enrollment: 405 seats
- Total Enrollment (as of end of Quarter 3): 336 seats filled (adjusted numbers from last month from "337" to "336")
- Total Waitlist (as of end of Quarter 3): 42 students
  
- Comparison to previous years:

<b>SY 18-19</b>	<b>SY 19-20</b>	<b>SY 20-21</b>	<b>SY 21-22</b>
As of 4/30/19 <b>659</b>	As of 4/30/20 <b>651</b>	As of 4/30/21 <b>573</b>	As of 4/30/22 <b>610</b>
As of 5/31/19 659	As of 5/31/20 651	As of 5/31/21 573	As of 5/31/22 610

**Application Update: SY 2022-2023**

As of May 31, 2022:

- Total applications received: 370 applications
- Total applications approved: 282 applications
- Maximum enrollment: 372 seats

**Early Childhood State Plan and Engagements**

- *Champion Engagement*
  - Champion Capacity Survey: <https://forms.gle/TPJiQnKkM9dibLz59> This survey provides an opportunity to Champions of the Early Childhood Strategic Implementation Plans to share details with EOEL on needs that could support

your work. EOEL and the Early Childhood State Plan project manager will use this information to inform their champion engagement processes and find resources.

- *Announcement of future (not yet developed) 2022 Renewal Grant Funding Opportunity*
  - We are waiting for an official announcement to be made by The Administration for Children and Families between August and September in regards to the 2022 PDG B-5 Renewal Grant Funding Opportunity. This is for all states/territories that have received an Initial Grant, but have not already received a Renewal Grant, which would apply to Hawaii.
- *Hawai'i PDG TA Plan:*
  - An ad-hoc team of Hawaii stakeholders have been participating in a workshop series hosted by the PDG B-5 National TA Center. It is 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. 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](mailto:alohilani.maiava@eoel.hawaii.gov) for registration information. The next workshop sessions will take place from 6 AM-10AM PM HST on the following dates:
    - **Workshop 3: Developing your Comprehensive ECCE System Visualization-** Thursday, July 21
    - **Workshop 4: Communicating your ECCE System Using the Developed Visualization-** Thursday, September 22

### **Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)**

- Hawaii's six Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) programs are actively recruiting for eligible pregnant women and children, birth to five, for enrollment in the upcoming school year (SY 2022-2023).
- Families eligible for SNAP benefits are now automatically eligible for Head Start, as well. This is new as of April 2022 and should help programs recruit and enroll more children to meet their funded enrollment capacity. The HHSSCO Director met with DHS Benefits, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD) administrators on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss recruitment/referral strategies and to solicit DHS support in enrolling more children into HS/EHS programs.
- The HS/EHS Directors held a "meet and greet" with the EOEL Director on June 8<sup>th</sup> at their monthly meeting to introduce themselves and their programs to her.
- The HSAH and the HSSCO have finalized the *Hawaii Early Head Start State Policy Agenda* (two companion documents). These are in the process of being printed, and HS/EHS grantees and the HSSCO will use these, in collaboration with State and community partners, to elevate issues and recommendations to support Hawaii's EHS programs, as well as infant/toddler programs in general.
- The HSSCO Director has been conducting ongoing 1:1 check-ins with HS/EHS directors to identify issues/concerns to discuss with state partners to promote better communication and to improve partnerships.