Framework of Policy Priorities

2023 Legislative Session

State Plan Building Block 1: Health, Safety & Well-Being

* Support Children/family health and safety provisions (behavioral health, mental health, physical health).
* Promote equitable access to healthcare for families within their communities
* Support the prevention and intervention of child abuse and neglect, intimate partner violence, and substance use.\*
* Focus on prenatal needs/issues in support of the continuum of the early childhood spectrum.\*

State Plan Building Block 2: Family Partnerships

* Increase Family engagement opportunities
* Strengthen family understanding of child development, parenting

State Plan Building Block 3: Early Learning

* Expand access and opportunity to quality early learning and care, including infant and toddlers in both public and private sectors\*
* Promote stabilizing and sustaining current options/access
* Provide child care financial assistance for families/providers
* Maximize use of current funding to support developmentally appropriate sites, especially in underserved communities

State Plan Building Block 4: Workforce

* Build workforce capacity (apprenticeships, ongoing professional development, career pathways)
* Support retention/recruitment (tuition stipends, improving compensation and working conditions)
* Improving compensation (wage supplementation, benefits and working conditions, salary schedule, pay parity)
* Provide unique consideration and support to ensure retention and recruitment for Hawaiian Language Medium early learning providers

State Plan Building Block 5: Coordinated System

* Increase Infrastructure for Data collection/sharing/analysis

General Guideline for Testimony: consider the potential impact on Hawaiian Medium Education

\*Additional Suggestions (Oct. 13, 2022, ELB Meeting)