

EOEL Updates for the Early Learning Board Meeting, February 9, 2023

Legislative Updates

- EOEL submitted a new budget request for funding of a total of 55 classrooms.
 - We anticipate the budget review process with the new administration will be scheduled soon.
- EOEL will prioritize submitting testimony on bills as it relates to EOEL's statutory obligations.
- EOEL submitted the "Suggested Bills to Track" for ELB's consideration.
- Upcoming deadlines:
 - Bill introduction cutoff was January 25, 2023.
 - Friday March 3, 2023 is the filing deadline for first decking. (This is the last day to deck non-budget bills for third reading in the originating body).
 - Thursday March 9, 2023 is the first crossover for bills.
 - Friday March 10, 2023 is the final day to file substantive resolutions.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- Application process for SY 23-24 will begin on March 1, 2023. Applications may be accessed through this link: [SY 23-24 Applications](#).

Early Childhood State Plan, Strategic Implementation Plans and PDG B-5

- We will resume information collection efforts on the progress of the Strategic Implementation Plans (SIP) 2020-2023 from Champions and partners using various forms. For partners and champions, please use this form to share information on progress of SIP objectives <https://forms.gle/6RWFrCTCxcgk4Qb29>. You can also find this form on www.earlychildhoodhawaii.com on the side navigation tab. Please feel free to share with those in your organization and organization partners. Please contact EOEL if you have any questions or would like to share information that the form cannot capture.

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- Several state-level MOUs are being reviewed/updated with State partners and will be vetted with HS/EHS directors prior to approval and obtaining of signatures. 8 state-level MOUs are in place with state partners, coordinated by the HSSCO: DOH (WIC, PHN Branch, EIS, Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP)); DOE (SPED, Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program, EOEL); DHS (CWS).
- A "meet and greet" between the OHS Region 9 Leadership Team, staff from the Hawaii DHS Child Care Program Office, and the HSSCO was held on January 13th to support the OHS Region 9 Leadership Team's desire to become more familiar with Hawaii's licensing standards and personnel. Good discussion occurred, and an agreement was made to continue these conversations on a quarterly basis.

- The HSSCO Director participated in January meetings (to represent the HS voice/lens) convened by the HCYC; EC Compensation TF; ECAS Team 4 (retreat); ECAS Infant/Toddler Subcommittee; ECAS Policy Team; Family Child Care Advisory; Infant/Early Childhood Behavioral Health Plan Advisory; ZTT TA Hawaii Team; CSPD Leadership Team; CSPD Recruitment & Retention WG; Early Literacy Plan WG; EC Transition Support SIP WG; ECCS HIPP Infrastructure WG; and the Read to Me International Conference Planning Committee. HS-related meetings included a HSAH Board meeting, a meeting with the HS/EHS Health Specialists Network, and a monthly check-in with a Region 9 Program Specialist.

Please see [this link](#) to reference the Googledoc presentation