

EOEL Updates for the Early Learning Board Meeting, April 13, 2023

Legislative Updates

- H.B. No. 300, the budget bill, has been heard by both the House and the Senate. The bill at this point has appropriations to add 55 additional EOEL public prekindergarten classrooms by SY 2024, appropriations for the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program, positions to enhance EOEL's internal capacity, and an appropriation ceiling for the Early Learning Special Fund.
- Conference will begin soon. For bills that the Senate and the House do not agree on, they will discuss further through conference committees. Public testimony will not be accepted.
- Upcoming deadlines:
 - Thursday, April 13, 2023 is second crossover for bills.
 - Tuesday, April 24, 2023 is second crossover for concurrent resolutions.
 - Thursday, April 27, 2023 and Friday, April 28, 2023 is final decking for non-fiscal and fiscal bills respectively.
 - Sine die is Thursday, May 4, 2023.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- No new updates

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

- EOEL is providing partners and champions of the State Plan this form to share information on progress of SIP objectives <https://forms.gle/6RWFrCTCxcgk4Qb29>. The form can also be found 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. This form will be open till the end of the year. So it can be filled in throughout the year as progress happens and more than once if needed.
- PDG B-5 has initiated several RFP processes related to updating the comprehensive needs assessment and Early Head Start and Child Care partnerships. A few members of EOEL and Hawaii P-20 also attend an all grantee networking webinar by the PDG B-5 TA Center that is related to providing guidance on the needs assessment, strategic planning, and program performance evaluation plan, along with feedback to plan for new TA needs from states.

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- State-level MOUs continue to be reviewed/updated with State partners and are being vetted with HS/EHS Directors.
- HS/EHS Directors and the HSSCO Director will be meeting with the Lieutenant Governor in early April to inform about/advocate for the comprehensive services delivery model that programs provide statewide as deliberations move forward on her *Ready Keiki Initiative*.

- An annual OHS Region 9 Hawaii/Outer Pacific Head Start Institute is being convened on Kauai the week of April 24-28. This will include updates from R9 leadership, as well as professional learning, networking and planning opportunities for HS/EHS teams.
- The HSSCO Director continues to engage with stakeholders, and in numerous meetings, to represent the HS voice/lens in advocacy, program planning, and systems-building, with a particular emphasis on work around workforce development, infant and toddler issues, and early childhood health and homelessness issues.

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