

EOEL Updates for the Early Learning Board Meeting, May 11, 2023

Legislative Updates

- Sine die, the closure of the 2023 State Legislative Session, was on Thursday, May 4, 2023.
- Bills that passed final reading include:
 - HB 961–Expanding EOEL and POD to 3 year olds
 - Transmitted to the Governor on 5/3/23
 - HB 960–Relating to the School Facilities Authority
 - Passed final reading in the House and Senate on 5/4/23
 - SB 941–Related to teacher housing
 - Passed final reading in the House and Senate on 5/4/23
 - SB 239–Establishes the accreditation program
 - Passed final reading in the House and Senate on 5/4/23
 - SB 1022–Related to the ELB
 - Transmitted to the Governor on 5/3/23
 - HB 300–the State Budget
 - Included are funds for EOEL Public Pre-k Program expansion and the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program
 - Passed final reading in House and Senate on 5/4/23
- The Governor will review bills that have passed the final readings in the House and Senate.
- If the Governor intends to veto a bill, he must notify the Legislature by June 26, 2023 and deliver the veto by July 11, 2023. If the Governor signs a bill, it becomes law. If the Governor neither signs nor vetoes a bill by July 11, 2023, it becomes law.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- Total applications received for SY 23-24 as of April 30th: 278.

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

- ELB's SI subcommittee continues to review the State Plan web-based dashboard and is undergoing revisions to be suitable for the board's use.
- EOEL and Hawaii P-20 attended an all grantee networking webinar hosted by the PDG B-5 TA Center that provided guidance on supporting a quality workforce and increasing compensation.
- EOEL continues to solicit feedback on progress of SIP objectives through this [form](#). The form can also be found on earlychildhoodhawaii.com site or as a google form and a PDF at the request of the board. Please feel free to share the form with those in your organization and organization partners and 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.

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- State-level MOUs are making their way to the AG offices of state partners for review/approval prior to obtaining signatures from HS/EHS CEOs. The MOUs are intended to help strengthen and “institutionalize” partnerships to support our HS/EHS children and their families.
- As a result of an April meeting between the Lieutenant Governor and HS/EHS Directors and CEOs, HS is now being invited to stakeholder meetings to engage in discussions to support the LG’s Ready Keiki Initiative.
- HS/EHS directors have been busy completing their refunding applications, their COLA and Quality Improvement grant proposals, and DHS ARPA grant summary reports for submission, while continuing to navigate staffing shortages and striving to reach funded enrollment counts.
- 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