

Framework of Policy Priorities  
2023-24 Legislative Sessions

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