
Early Learning Board

February 13, 2025

I. Welcome/Vision & Mission

- Vision (4/12/18) and mission (2/8/18) - read by: Cheryl Cudiamat

Vision: Creating a sustainable early learning system that partners with families to ensure that every child is healthy, valued and successful in school and life.

Mission: To support children's academic and lifelong well-being by directing and supporting the EOEL for an effective, coordinated, high quality early learning system from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

Announcements/Roll call

Announcements:

- EOEL Director Arikawa-Cross and Government Affairs Specialist Jenn Chow are at a key House Education committee hearing today.
- Document approved in January in ELB drive:
 - EOEL Executive Director Performance Based Salary Adjustment Policy
- New folder in ELB drive:
 - 2025 session testimony (testimony submitted to Legislature on behalf of ELB)
- Press release EOEL participated in

Roll call

II. Review and approval of 1/9/25 minutes

Mahalo to Saesha Seguirant and Tara Castrovinci, communications for EOEL for the minutes.

Any corrections?

III. Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Updates Director Arikawa-Cross and Staff

Public Comment Opportunity



Break: 10 minutes

IV. Presentation by County Coordinators

Public Comment Opportunity



V. List of bills with testimony on behalf of ELB submitted to Legislature

HB 692/SB 712: Expanding access to Preschool Open Doors subsidy

HB 549: Apprenticeships in early childhood programs

HB 249: Support of FCIL programs request

HB 429: Budget request for 50 EOEL PreK classrooms for next two years

SB 423: ELB composition to comply with Head Start Act

SB 270: Supporting amendment of Sunshine law to allow board members to attend informational meetings, hearings, conventions, seminars, or community meetings without quorum.

SB1384: Housekeeping bill, clean up language on special fund.

HB 241HD1: Contracted classrooms

Public Comment Opportunity



VI. Proposed policy re: Mixed delivery system

ELB has supported a mixed delivery system, which supports family choice. However, it has not been an articulated policy.

Today we look at components of the mixed delivery system in Hawai'i.

EOEL diagram which shows the variety of funding that supports the variety of programs needed to meet family needs

Early Learning Opportunities in Hawai‘i

Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center brochure on subsidies (to be updated in March)

<https://mfss.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Subsidies-Brochure-2.14.24-004.pdf>

PATCH webpage on choosing child care

[Find Child Care | Patch Hawaii](#)

List of child care subsidies and funding sources

It's a work in progress:

[Child care subsidies available to families in HI](#)

Public Comment Opportunity



VII. Review agenda outcomes, announcements

- Agenda outcomes
- Announcements (board members, members of public)
 - MAHALO NUI to Harry and Jeanette Weinberg CEED Center (Christina Cos and Lynette Kamekona) for the use of CEED. MAHALO NUI to EOEL Data Technician Kevin Kabasawa for tech support!
- Closing

Quote for today:

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year.

-John Foster Dulles