

H.B. NO. 2550

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that the American
2 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, made
3 \$100,000,000 in federal funding available to states to improve
4 coordination and collaboration among early childhood education
5 and care programs and services. The federal government will
6 award these funds to eligible states that develop and implement
7 a plan to improve early childhood education.

8 Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, was enacted in
9 response to the demand for an agency that focused exclusively on
10 the needs of young children. Act 77 established the nonprofit
11 Good Beginnings Alliance, and its public counterpart, the
12 interdepartmental council. The purpose of the interdepartmental
13 council is to improve coordination of state policy issues
14 affecting young children and their families

15 The purpose of this Act is to advantageously position the
16 State to apply for federal stimulus money for early childhood

1 education by extending the life of the interdepartmental council
2 and adding to its membership.

3 SECTION 2. Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended
4 by section 2(2) of Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, is
5 amended by amending section -4 of the chapter established in
6 section 2 of the Act to read as follows:

7 "§ -4 **Interdepartmental council.** There shall be a
8 temporary interdepartmental council convened by the office of
9 the governor for the special purpose of assisting the
10 corporation in the implementation of its duties as delineated in
11 the good beginnings early childhood education and care master
12 plan. The governor shall appoint:

- 13 (1) The superintendent of education;
- 14 (2) The director of human services;
- 15 (3) The director of health;
- 16 (4) The director of labor and industrial relations;
- 17 (5) The governor's special assistant for children and
18 youth;
- 19 (6) The director of business, economic development, and
20 tourism;
- 21 (7) One member from the general business community; [~~and~~]

- 1 (8) One member from the general philanthropic
2 community~~[7]~~;
- 3 (9) One member from an institution of higher education
4 located in the State;
- 5 (10) One member that is a local provider of early
6 childhood education and development services;
- 7 (11) One member from a Head Start provider agency located
8 within the state; and
- 9 (12) The state director of Head Start Collaboration,
10 to serve as members of the interdepartmental council. The
11 governor's special assistant for children and youth shall serve
12 as the presiding chairperson."

13 SECTION 3. Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended
14 by section 3 of Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, is amended
15 by amending section 3 to read as follows:

16 "SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
17 and shall be repealed on June 30, ~~[2010.]~~ 2013."

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.
19 New statutory material is underscored.

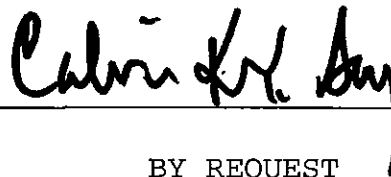
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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Early Childhood Education

Description:

Extends the sunset date of the Interdepartmental Council on Early Childhood Education from June 30, 2010, to June 30, 2013, and adds four additional members to the Council.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

PURPOSE: Extend the sunset date of the Interdepartmental Council on Early Childhood Education from June 30, 2010, to June 30, 2013, and adds four new members to the Council.

MEANS: Amend section -4 of section 2 and section 3 of Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended by Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000.

JUSTIFICATION: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has made federal funding available to states in order to improve early childhood education and care programs and services.

In order to access the stimulus funds, the federal government requires states to designate an Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care to assist with the state-level coordination for early childhood programs.

To ensure Hawaii's eligibility for federal funding, this bill extends the life of the Interdepartmental Council on Early Childhood Education (Council), established pursuant to Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997. The Council will serve as the State's Advisory Council and assist with the state-level coordinator among the various sectors and settings of early childhood education in the State. The Council currently serves as the public sector counterpart to the nonprofit Good Beginnings Alliance.

Additionally, this bill increases the Council's membership by adding four new members to represent institutes of higher education located in the State, local providers of early childhood education and development services, Head Start agencies located in the State, and Head Start Collaboration.

Impact on the public: Increased federal funding will improve the State's delivery and coordination of early childhood education programs and services to Hawaii's children and their families.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Requires current representatives serving on the Interdepartmental Council on Early Childhood Education to extend their duties for an additional three years.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: Not applicable.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Human Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.