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

15           The purpose of this Act is to place the State in an  
16 advantageous position in its application for federal stimulus



1 money for early childhood education by extending the life of the  
2 interdepartmental council 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 Act 77 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 childhood  
6 education and development services;
- 7 (11) One member from a Head Start provider agency located  
8 in 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.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**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. Effective January 1, 2050. (HB2976 HD1)

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