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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2969, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 14, 2012; 2:10 p.m.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 2969, S.D. 1 is to require the Department of Taxation to allow a taxpayer to designate that a specified amount of the taxpayer's income tax refund be paid to the early learning trust fund.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill as it would generate revenue to maintain and expand early learning initiatives.

We defer to the Department of Taxation on the feasibility of implementing the refund designation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

Hawaii State House of Representatives
House Committee on Education
Testimony by
Early Learning Council
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Capitol Room 309
SB 2969, SD 1 – Related to Early Learning

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti and Committee Members:

The Early Learning Council (“ELC”) offers this testimony in support of SB 2969, SD 1, related to early learning. This bill would require the Department of Taxation to allow a taxpayer to designate (or “check off”) that a specified amount of the taxpayer's income tax refund be paid to the early learning trust fund.

Established under Act 14, First Special Session 2008, the Early Learning Council is entrusted with the development and administration of the state’s early learning system. The ELC seeks to establish a cohesive, comprehensive, and sustainable early learning system that ensures a spectrum of quality early learning opportunities for young children from their prenatal period until the time they enter kindergarten. As such, the ELC focuses upon four essential areas: Early Education and Care; Health; Parent Education and Family Support; and Workforce and Professional Development.

Since its inception, the ELC has completed and received approval for a statewide early childhood system framework, has partnered and provided advice on the development of a State Quality Improvement and Rating System, has supported the drafting of professional competence requirements for early learning practitioners, and most recently completed a Fiscal Mapping study (funded by the Omidyar Foundation) to measure the resources currently available in the State for Early Childhood services (e.g. education, health, nutritional and social services, special education services and family and professional training and development.

The Council supports creative methods for establishing funding for early learning and supports advancing this bill. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively and proactively with the legislature and the broader community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert Peters
Chair, Early Learning Council



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To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair

From: Elisabeth Chun, Executive Director
Good Beginnings Alliance

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309

Subject: **Senate Bill 2969 SD1 Early Learning System Funding; Income Tax Refund Check-Off**

The Good Beginnings Alliance is a policy and advocacy organization focused on Hawaii's youngest children and their families. We strive to ensure a nurturing, safe and healthy development for all children from pre-birth to age eight. The following information is provided to help you in your decision-making process regarding the proposed income tax refund tax-check-off for the Early Learning System:

- This bill will allow Hawaii's taxpayers to show their commitment for early learning.
- A Ward Research poll of registered voters conducted in 2011 showed that 71% would be willing to increase their taxes by at least \$25 to fund young children's services.
- We must invest early in a child's life, and this bill will help provide a start of funds needed to support our keiki as well as prove the level of public support for young children.
- However, a **State investment for early learning will still be needed** as the major component of funding to support young children's services.

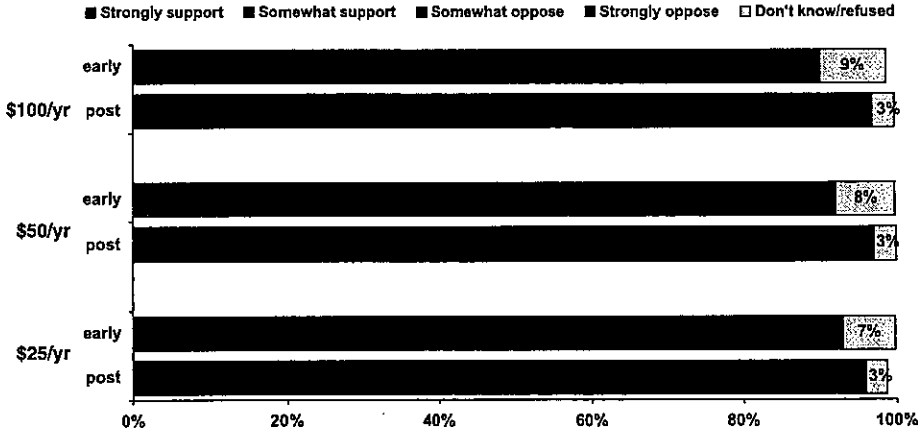
Hawaii's young children are in need, and a fully funded State Early Learning System is needed to ensure all of our keiki are safe, healthy, and ready to succeed by the time they enter kindergarten.

Unfortunately, we have seen a continuing decrease in the number of kindergarten students entering school without previous preschool experience. We are also concerned that 1 out of 3 third grade students were not reading at grade level in 2011 according to the Hawaii State Assessment. World renowned experts ranging from Dr. Jack Shonkoff at Harvard University's Center for the Developing Child to Dr. James Heckman, Nobel Winner in Economics from the University of Chicago, have proven through their research that investing in the early years has the biggest value.

Below is the result from a Ward Research public opinion poll showing support for an increase in taxes to fund children's services.

Support for an Increase in Taxes to Fund Children's Services

Early Measure vs. Post Measure



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Mahalo for your consideration and your support. For more information contact: Good Beginnings Alliance; phone: 531-5502; lchun@goodbeginnings.org

HSSRA SY 2011-12											DOESY 2011-12	
School	Complex	Year	Title 1	% Lunch	% SPED	% ESL	% PS	Date of Birth (Jan 1- Jul 31, 2006)	Date of Birth (Aug 1- Dec 31, 2006)			
Pearl Ridge Elementary	Aiea	2011	FALSE	27.5%	2.2%	6.7%	79.8%	30	58	Pearl Ridge Elementary	82%	
Alvah A. Scott Elementary	Aiea	2011	TRUE	48.8%	1.3%	11.3%	51.3%	29	51	Scott Elementary	76%	
Waimalu Elementary	Aiea	2011	TRUE	53.1%	8.8%	20.0%	55.0%	37	42	Waimalu Elementary	70%	
Aiea Elementary	Aiea	2011	TRUE	75.6%	8.7%	19.6%	28.3%	15	30	Aiea Elementary	53%	
Gustave H. Webling Elementary	Aiea	2011	FALSE	31.8%	1.2%	1.2%	84.7%	38	47	Webling Elementary	76%	
Wailuku Elementary	Baldwin	2011	TRUE	59.1%	4.5%	20.5%	49.4%	71	103	Wailuku Elementary	53%	
Waihee Elementary	Baldwin	2011	TRUE	57.8%	3.6%	12.7%	63.0%	61	106	Waihee Elementary	69%	
Holomua Elementary	Campbell	2011	FALSE	31.5%	4.1%	5.1%	53.8%	79	119	Holomua Elementary	68%	
Iroquois Point Elementary	Campbell	2011	TRUE	36.8%	4.1%	5.7%	58.5%	51	78	Iroquois Point Elementary	75%	
Ewa Beach Elementary	Campbell	2011	TRUE	40.0%	7.3%	8.3%	59.6%	47	62	Ewa Beach Elementary	56%	
Kaimiloa Elementary	Campbell	2011	TRUE	60.7%	6.8%	13.6%	46.6%	30	59	Kaimiloa Elementary	62%	
Pohakea Elementary	Campbell	2011	TRUE	61.3%	6.5%	9.1%	31.2%	36	44	Pohakea Elementary	70%	
Ewa Elementary	Campbell	2011	TRUE	62.9%	3.2%	8.4%	47.1%	60	98	Ewa Elementary	55%	
Keoneula Elementary	Campbell	2011	FALSE	21.6%	2.7%	8.0%	65.2%	48	68	Keoneula Elementary	66%	
Kaneohe Elementary	Castle	2011	FALSE	36.8%	2.4%	2.4%	78.3%	27	55	Kaneohe Elementary	85%	
Kapunahala Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	44.8%	2.4%	2.4%	69.4%	34	52	Kapunahala Elementary	80%	
Heeia Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	59.7%	2.8%	2.8%	77.8%	31	43	Heeia Elementary	78%	
Puohala Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	68.8%	9.7%	0.0%	77.4%	13	21	Puohala Elementary	57%	
Benjamin Parker Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	79.6%	6.1%	4.1%	36.7%	17	35	Parker Elementary	74%	
Kahaluu Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	87.2%	10.6%	2.1%	78.7%	14	36	Kahaluu Elementary	68%	
Waiahole Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	87.5%	20.0%	0.0%	73.3%	3	13	Waiahole Elementary	0%	

Ahuimanu Elementary	Castle	2011	TRUE	44.1%	6.2%	1.5%	89.2%	14	54	Ahuimanu Elementary	54%
Kapalama Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	65.6%	1.5%	7.6%	62.1%	45	87	Kapalama Elementary	57%
Kalihi-waena Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	71.8%	3.7%	29.6%	29.6%	25	53	Kalihi-waena Elementary	39%
Kalihi-kai Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	72.2%	3.5%	47.8%	30.4%	44	67	Kalihi-kai Elementary	48%
Kalihi Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	72.4%	0.0%	53.6%	35.7%	11	17	Kalihi Elementary	49%
Kalihi-uka Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	75.6%	8.7%	10.9%	32.6%	21	25	Kalihi-uka Elementary	73%
Puuhale Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	77.6%	2.1%	18.8%	27.1%	21	28	Puuhale Elementary	58%
Joseph J. Fern Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	79.4%	0.0%	36.4%	37.9%	26	39	Fern Elementary	42%
Kaewai Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	83.3%	0.0%	39.7%	39.7%	24	36	Kaewai Elementary	54%
Linapuni Elementary	Farrington	2011	TRUE	87.3%	3.7%	56.8%	66.7%	27	50	See Fern and Kalihi Waena Schools	
Hana High & Elementary	Hana	2011	TRUE	90.6%	0.0%	9.1%	78.8%	14	19	Hana High & Elementary	59%
Ernest Bowen de Silva Elementary	Hilo	2011	FALSE	36.1%	6.6%	1.6%	91.8%	22	38	de Silva Elementary	88%
Haaheo Elementary	Hilo	2011	TRUE	64.5%	3.2%	6.5%	74.2%	8	23	Haaheo Elementary	77%
Kaamana Elementary	Hilo	2011	TRUE	65.3%	6.1%	6.1%	65.3%	19	31	Kaamana Elementary	68%
Kalaniana'ole Elementary & Intermediate	Hilo	2011	TRUE	73.7%	5.3%	26.3%	26.3%	15	22	Kalaniana'ole Elementary & Intermediate	62%
Hilo Union Elementary	Hilo	2011	TRUE	85.1%	17.3%	10.7%	60.0%	28	45	Hilo Union Elementary	45%
Chiefess Kapiolani Elementary	Hilo	2011	TRUE	87.7%	8.6%	22.4%	53.4%	25	36	Kapiolani Elementary	64%
Keaukaha Elementary	Hilo	2011	TRUE	88.2%	6.0%	2.0%	56.0%	20	30	Keaukaha Elementary	57%
Honokaa Elementary	Honokaa	2011	TRUE	61.5%	1.9%	5.7%	50.9%	22	30	Honokaa Elementary	49%
Paaulo Elementary & Intermediate	Honokaa	2011	TRUE	71.4%	0.0%	14.3%	42.9%	3	11	Paaulo Elementary & Intermediate	55%
Waimea Elementary	Honokaa	2011	TRUE	77.0%	4.0%	19.0%	43.7%	39	88	Waimea Elementary	51%
Kaaawa Elementary	Kahuku	2011	TRUE	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	76.2%	3	16	Kaaawa Elementary	71%

Sunset Beach Elementary	Kahuku	2011	FALSE	28.7%	6.5%	4.3%	72.0%	26	64	Sunset Beach Elementary	78%
Lai'e Elementary	Kahuku	2011	TRUE	50.5%	4.5%	6.3%	73.0%	39	72	Lai'e Elementary	76%
Kahuku Elementary	Kahuku	2011	TRUE	66.7%	10.0%	13.3%	63.3%	35	57	Kahuku Elementary	75%
Hauula Elementary	Kahuku	2011	TRUE	67.3%	5.8%	30.8%	71.2%	13	30	Hauula Elementary	63%
Kaelepulu Elementary	Kailua	2011	FALSE	12.5%	9.4%	3.1%	81.3%	3	27	Kaelepulu Elementary	56%
Maunawili Elementary	Kailua	2011	TRUE	50.0%	7.1%	0.0%	50.0%	22	34	Maunawili Elementary	68%
Keolu Elementary	Kailua	2011	TRUE	62.5%	20.8%	8.3%	45.8%	8	15	Keolu Elementary	69%
Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate	Kailua	2011	TRUE	78.9%	8.6%	20.7%	62.1%	19	37	Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate	72%
Blanche Pope Elementary	Kailua	2011	TRUE	80.4%	17.9%	2.6%	74.4%	13	32	Pope Elementary	64%
Enchanted Lake Elementary	Kailua	2011	FALSE	36.8%	10.2%	3.4%	84.1%	35	54	Enchanted Lake Elementary	96%
Aliiolani Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	TRUE	44.1%	9.4%	28.1%	75.0%	9	23	Aliiolani Elementary	86%
King William Lunailo Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	TRUE	54.2%	1.4%	47.2%	63.9%	33	43	Lunailo Elementary	66%
Aia Wai Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	TRUE	60.7%	2.4%	48.8%	52.4%	40	43	Aia Wai Elementary	71%
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	TRUE	64.0%	8.8%	33.8%	38.2%	25	48	Jefferson Elementary	67%
Prince Jonah Kuhio Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	TRUE	75.9%	6.1%	51.2%	41.5%	27	57	Kuhio Elementary	81%
Palolo Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	TRUE	88.6%	6.7%	46.7%	48.9%	18	27	Palolo Elementary	67%
Hokulani Elementary	Kaimuki	2011	FALSE	15.6%	0.0%	26.2%	96.9%	28	37	Hokulani Elementary	94%
Hahaione Elementary	Kaiser	2011	FALSE	5.6%	2.2%	3.4%	93.3%	37	53	Hahaione Elementary	82%
Aina Haina Elementary	Kaiser	2011	FALSE	15.3%	0.9%	7.1%	96.4%	42	75	Aina Haina Elementary	84%
Koko Head Elementary	Kaiser	2011	FALSE	19.0%	1.7%	10.3%	91.4%	22	35	Koko Head Elementary	84%
Kamiloiki Elementary	Kaiser	2011	FALSE	25.3%	6.5%	5.2%	76.6%	22	52	Kamiloiki Elementary	77%
Aikahi Elementary	Kalaheo	2011	FALSE	21.0%	5.8%	2.9%	76.7%	13	91	Aikahi Elementary	82%
Kainalu Elementary	Kalaheo	2011	TRUE	43.0%	7.5%	12.5%	72.5%	31	49	Kainalu Elementary	78%
Kailua Elementary	Kalaheo	2011	TRUE	57.1%	11.1%	14.3%	44.4%	17	45	Kailua Elementary	69%
Mokapu Elementary	Kalaheo	2011	FALSE	33.0%	9.0%	2.4%	56.2%	76	136	Mokapu Elementary	61%

Kahala Elementary	Kalani	2011	FALSE	10.1%	1.3%	21.8%	79.5%	29	50	Kahala Elementary	90%
John H. Wilson Elementary	Kalani	2011	FALSE	15.9%	2.3%	10.2%	95.5%	43	61	Wilson Elementary	77%
Waikiki Elementary	Kalani	2011	TRUE	28.9%	4.0%	49.3%	76.0%	27	49	Waikiki Elementary	93%
King Liholiho Elementary	Kalani	2011	FALSE	29.5%	3.4%	21.6%	67.0%	29	59	Liholiho Elementary	84%
Kilauea Elementary	Kapaa	2011	TRUE	52.5%	2.5%	5.0%	65.0%	12	27	Kilauea Elementary	55%
Kapaa Elementary	Kapaa	2011	TRUE	71.2%	4.9%	9.2%	54.3%	67	116	Kapaa Elementary	50%
Hanalei Elementary	Kapaa	2011	FALSE	46.4%	1.8%	5.4%	67.9%	15	41	Hanalei Elementary	70%
Barbers Point Elementary	Kapolei	2011	TRUE	37.3%	3.2%	8.4%	57.9%	40	63	Barbers Point Elementary	65%
Kapolei Elementary	Kapolei	2011	TRUE	40.1%	3.0%	5.1%	50.5%	72	116	Kapolei Elementary	65%
Mauka Lani Elementary	Kapolei	2011	TRUE	45.4%	2.7%	2.7%	54.9%	57	62	Mauka Lani Elementary	63%
Makakilo Elementary	Kapolei	2011	TRUE	50.0%	6.1%	9.2%	51.0%	45	56	Makakilo Elementary	68%
Kau High & Pahala Elementary	Kau	2011	TRUE	80.0%	0.0%	12.5%	70.8%	6	17	Kau High & Pahala Elementary	56%
Naalehu Elementary & Intermediate	Kau	2011	TRUE	86.8%	1.5%	40.3%	31.3%	21	44	Naalehu Elementary	37%
Koloa Elementary	Kauai	2011	TRUE	48.5%	5.9%	4.4%	67.6%	24	44	Koloa Elementary	71%
King Kaunualii Elementary	Kauai	2011	TRUE	54.5%	5.7%	10.5%	73.3%	39	71	Kaunualii Elementary	50%
Elsie H. Wilcox Elementary	Kauai	2011	TRUE	64.1%	3.9%	7.2%	64.7%	59	96	Wilcox Elementary	52%
Keaau Elementary	Keaau	2011	TRUE	79.1%	5.6%	20.8%	46.4%	52	75	Keaau Elementary	63%
Mountain View Elementary	Keaau	2011	TRUE	87.6%	4.1%	4.9%	21.3%	49	58	Mountain View Elementary	34%
Holualoa Elementary	Kealahou	2011	TRUE	40.2%	2.1%	12.5%	66.7%	31	67	Holualoa Elementary	71%
Waikoloa Elementary and Middle	Kealahou	2011	TRUE	57.9%	7.0%	15.5%	68.3%	40	100	Waikoloa Elementary	63%
Kahakai Elementary	Kealahou	2011	TRUE	69.9%	4.5%	29.5%	54.5%	48	106	Kahakai Elementary	54%
Kealahou Elementary	Kealahou	2011	TRUE	73.2%	6.8%	23.5%	52.0%	83	145	Kealahou Elementary	64%
Kula Elementary	Kekaulike	2011	TRUE	49.4%	7.4%	2.5%	69.1%	23	60	Kula Elementary	80%
Pukalani Elementary	Kekaulike	2011	TRUE	51.1%	7.9%	6.7%	70.8%	25	65	Pukalani Elementary	81%
Haiku Elementary	Kekaulike	2011	TRUE	58.5%	5.4%	6.5%	46.2%	35	55	Haiku Elementary	84%
Makawao Elementary	Kekaulike	2011	TRUE	61.0%	3.9%	6.8%	68.0%	32	71	Makawao Elementary	65%
Paia Elementary	Kekaulike	2011	TRUE	64.8%	0.0%	0.0%	77.5%	26	46	Paia Elementary	81%

Kohala Elementary	Kohala	2011	TRUE	65.3%	2.9%	10.0%	60.0%	31	38	Kohala Elementary	58%
Konawaena Elementary	Konawaena	2011	TRUE	61.9%	3.3%	17.8%	56.7%	36	54	Konawaena Elementary	58%
Ke Kula O Ehunuikaimalino	Konawaena	2011	TRUE	81.8%	0.0%	0.0%	59.1%	8	14	Ehunuikaimalino	94%
Honaunau Elementary	Konawaena	2011	TRUE	88.9%	11.1%	16.7%	58.3%	18	19	Honaunau Elementary	69%
Hookena Elementary	Konawaena	2011	TRUE	94.3%	14.3%	8.6%	57.1%	15	23	Hookena Elementary	43%
Princess Nahienaena Elementary	Lahainaluna	2011	TRUE	43.5%	9.2%	25.4%	27.7%	42	116	Nahienaena Elementary	54%
King Kamehameha III Elementary	Lahainaluna	2011	TRUE	52.2%	3.8%	25.2%	67.3%	43	115	Kamehameha III Elementary	60%
Lanai High & Elementary	Lanai	2011	TRUE	58.3%	7.3%	29.1%	49.1%	24	31	Lanai High & Elementary	40%
Laupahoehoe High & Elementary	Laupahoehoe	2011	TRUE	68.2%	9.1%	9.1%	50.0%	10	12	Laupahoehoe High & Elementary	56%
Iliahi Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	40.7%	1.2%	2.4%	39.0%	22	63	Iliahi Elementary	78%
Major Sheldon Wheeler Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	43.3%	8.9%	6.5%	49.7%	48	120	Wheeler Elementary	66%
Samuel K. Solomon Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	53.6%	8.3%	7.5%	44.0%	78	152	Solomon Elementary	63%
Helemano Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	67.1%	2.0%	11.2%	41.4%	56	97	Helemano Elementary	80%
Wahiawa Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	68.5%	5.5%	16.5%	46.8%	46	65	Wahiawa Elementary	63%
Kaala Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	78.4%	3.5%	22.1%	26.7%	30	57	Kaala Elementary	54%
Hale Kula Elementary	Leilehua	2011	TRUE	42.1%	6.1%	6.1%	57.9%	80	120	Hale Kula Elementary	56%
Pomaikai Elementary School	Maui	2011	FALSE	27.1%	2.9%	5.0%	72.9%	49	90	Pomaikai Elementary	69%
Kamalii Elementary	Maui	2011	FALSE	37.5%	3.1%	12.5%	68.8%	32	90	Kamalii Elementary	71%
Kahului Elementary	Maui	2011	TRUE	63.4%	5.3%	33.2%	41.6%	70	121	Kahului Elementary	63%
Kihei Elementary	Maui	2011	TRUE	63.8%	6.4%	25.0%	40.1%	71	114	Kihei Elementary	67%
Lihikai Elementary	Maui	2011	TRUE	69.1%	3.4%	29.8%	50.0%	72	107	Lihikai Elementary	57%
Queen Kaahumanu Elementary	McKinley	2011	TRUE	54.7%	7.9%	49.5%	45.5%	38	66	Kaahumanu Elementary	44%
Royal	McKinley	2011	TRUE	62.1%	7.0%	31.6%	52.6%	27	31	Royal Elementary	69%
Lanakila Elementary	McKinley	2011	TRUE	70.9%	4.7%	24.4%	61.6%	24	65	Lanakila Elementary	80%

Kauluwela Elementary	McKinley	2011	TRUE	72.9%	6.8%	59.3%	76.3%	26	31	Kauluwela Elementary	65%
Princess Victoria Kaiulani Elementary	McKinley	2011	TRUE	75.0%	5.1%	45.8%	35.6%	27	31	Kaiulani Elementary	48%
Princess Miriam K. Likelike Elementary	McKinley	2011	TRUE	82.8%	6.5%	58.1%	54.8%	17	45	Likelike Elementary	51%
Mililani Ike Elementary	Mililani	2011	FALSE	2.6%	6.5%	2.6%	87.1%	70	83	Mililani Ike Elementary	94%
Mililani Mauka Elementary	Mililani	2011	FALSE	19.0%	4.9%	2.7%	78.6%	67	119	Mililani Mauka Elementary	85%
Mililani Uka Elementary	Mililani	2011	FALSE	25.8%	7.0%	0.0%	69.5%	44	84	Mililani Uka Elementary	83%
Mililani Waena Elementary	Mililani	2011	FALSE	30.7%	2.7%	5.4%	63.4%	43	73	Mililani Waena Elementary	85%
Kipapa Elementary	Mililani	2011	TRUE	47.9%	9.3%	7.6%	51.7%	48	70	Kipapa Elementary	57%
William R. Shafter Elementary	Moanalua	2011	FALSE	8.6%	5.8%	8.7%	79.7%	31	32	Shafter Elementary	84%
Moanalua Elementary	Moanalua	2011	FALSE	18.9%	4.5%	5.6%	94.4%	24	66	Moanalua Elementary	71%
Red Hill Elementary	Moanalua	2011	TRUE	37.0%	11.1%	13.0%	38.9%	14	32	Red Hill Elementary	51%
Salt Lake Elementary	Moanalua	2011	TRUE	47.0%	6.8%	34.1%	49.2%	49	83	Salt Lake Elementary	73%
Kilohana Elementary	Molokai	2011	TRUE	66.7%	6.7%	0.0%	66.7%	5	8	Kilohana Elementary	0%
Kaunakakai Elementary	Molokai	2011	TRUE	75.0%	5.9%	0.0%	91.2%	14	22	Kaunakakai Elementary	61%
Maunaloa Elementary	Molokai	2011	TRUE	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	4	6	Maunaloa Elementary	64%
Nanakuli Elementary	Nanakuli	2011	TRUE	80.9%	17.9%	100.0%	42.9%	29	39	Nanakuli Elementary	54%
Nanaikapono Elementary	Nanakuli	2011	TRUE	89.3%	2.3%	10.5%	46.6%	60	70	Nanaikapono Elementary	28%
Keonepoko Elementary	Pahoa	2011	TRUE	82.5%	7.2%	11.7%	55.0%	40	70	Keonepoko Elementary	64%
Pahoa Elementary	Pahoa	2011	TRUE	92.3%	4.5%	9.1%	54.5%	20	47	Pahoa Elementary	63%
Kanoelani Elementary	Pearl City	2011	TRUE	30.8%	3.8%	6.7%	63.8%	40	64	Kanoelani Elementary	69%
Manana Elementary	Pearl City	2011	TRUE	35.1%	5.4%	8.1%	75.7%	19	55	Manana Elementary	68%
Pearl City Highlands Elementary	Pearl City	2011	FALSE	35.8%	3.0%	9.1%	62.1%	26	41	Pearl City Highlands Elementary	87%

Waiau Elementary	Pearl City	2011	TRUE	36.5%	3.5%	3.5%	58.8%	35	51	Waiau Elementary	77%
Palisades Elementary	Pearl City	2011	TRUE	39.0%	7.8%	11.7%	57.1%	25	49	Palisades Elementary	75%
Lehua Elementary	Pearl City	2011	TRUE	39.4%	13.6%	7.6%	53.0%	23	43	Lehua Elementary	74%
Pearl City Elementary	Pearl City	2011	TRUE	49.5%	9.6%	9.6%	48.1%	35	68	Pearl City Elementary	74%
Momilani Elementary	Pearl City	2011	FALSE	20.0%	0.0%	10.0%	83.3%	19	42	Momilani Elementary	87%
Horace Meek Hickam Elementary	Radford	2011	FALSE	10.4%	10.1%	5.1%	63.3%	22	55	Hickam Elementary	88%
Chester W. Nimitz Elementary	Radford	2011	FALSE	17.5%	9.7%	3.9%	64.1%	44	61	Nimitz Elementary	71%
Mokulele Elementary	Radford	2011	FALSE	25.6%	7.8%	2.2%	40.0%	29	59	Mokulele Elementary	69%
Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary	Radford	2011	FALSE	27.5%	6.7%	9.0%	56.2%	37	56	Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary	54%
Aliamanu Elementary	Radford	2011	FALSE	30.2%	6.0%	4.3%	48.7%	50	67	Aliamanu Elementary	59%
Pearl Harbor Elementary	Radford	2011	TRUE	40.7%	6.5%	11.5%	58.3%	53	91	Pearl Harbor Elementary	61%
Makalapa Elementary	Radford	2011	TRUE	45.3%	1.1%	11.6%	57.9%	31	61	Makalapa Elementary	64%
Nuuuanu Elementary	Roosevelt	2011	FALSE	9.4%	3.2%	4.8%	74.2%	21	45	Nuuuanu Elementary	87%
Manoa Elementary	Roosevelt	2011	FALSE	11.5%	1.1%	16.1%	92.5%	30	64	Manoa Elementary	95%
Noelani Elementary	Roosevelt	2011	FALSE	12.3%	0.0%	25.8%	86.4%	14	51	Noelani Elementary	87%
Maemae Elementary	Roosevelt	2011	FALSE	26.4%	2.8%	1.9%	91.6%	42	65	Maemae Elementary	76%
Pauoa Elementary	Roosevelt	2011	TRUE	56.7%	6.7%	11.7%	75.0%	17	42	Pauoa Elementary	73%
Abraham Lincoln Elementary	Roosevelt	2011	TRUE	65.0%	3.3%	13.3%	41.7%	27	33	Lincoln Elementary	74%
Kula Kaiapuni O Anuenue	Roosevelt	2011	TRUE	69.7%	3.1%	0.0%	73.4%	23	43	Anuenue	55%
Waiakeawaena Elementary	Waiakea	2011	TRUE	49.5%	3.8%	1.0%	81.0%	42	64	Waiakeawaena Elementary	68%
Waiakea Elementary	Waiakea	2011	TRUE	60.6%	1.5%	4.5%	66.7%	61	72	Waiakea Elementary	64%
Waialua Elementary	Waialua	2011	TRUE	45.1%	2.2%	7.8%	64.4%	27	61	Waialua Elementary	91%
Haleiwa Elementary	Waialua	2011	TRUE	71.4%	10.8%	0.0%	43.2%	12	25	Haleiwa Elementary	88%
Leihoku Elementary	Waianae	2011	TRUE	74.1%	3.5%	3.5%	41.1%	59	83	Leihoku Elementary	64%
Makaha Elementary	Waianae	2011	TRUE	78.0%	2.9%	0.0%	50.0%	48	56	Makaha Elementary	33%
Mali Elementary	Waianae	2011	TRUE	85.6%	5.7%	7.5%	45.3%	61	101	Mali Elementary	50%
Waianae Elementary	Waianae	2011	TRUE	86.3%	6.2%	7.4%	27.2%	26	53	Waianae Elementary	26%
Eleele Elementary	Waimea	2011	TRUE	47.2%	6.9%	8.3%	48.6%	24	47	Eleele Elementary	69%

Kalaheo Elementary	Waimea	2011	TRUE	52.7%	3.8%	1.9%	72.1%	51	52	Kalaheo Elementary	71%
Kekaha Elementary	Waimea	2011	TRUE	76.4%	4.1%	13.5%	52.7%	29	45	Kekaha Elementary	44%
Kaleiopuu Elementary	Waipahu	2011	TRUE	35.7%	2.9%	7.2%	45.3%	48	91	Kaleiopuu Elementary	64%
Waikele Elementary	Waipahu	2011	FALSE	41.4%	6.6%	15.4%	52.7%	39	52	Waikele Elementary	59%
August Ahrens Elementary	Waipahu	2011	TRUE	54.0%	3.8%	14.5%	41.4%	67	120	August Ahrens Elementary	53%
Honowai Elementary	Waipahu	2011	TRUE	67.3%	8.5%	20.8%	37.7%	48	59	Honowai Elementary	52%
Waipahu Elementary	Waipahu	2011	TRUE	81.1%	1.5%	54.0%	14.6%	48	86	Waipahu Elementary	44%
Total		2011	77%	52.0%	5.0%	14.0%	58.0%	5883	10185		66%



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

From: Katherine Murphy, Executive Director
Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC)

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Subject: SB 2969, SD1 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

SB 2969, SD1 would require the Department of Taxation to allow a taxpayer to designate, or “check off,” that a specified amount of the taxpayer’s income tax refund be paid to the early learning trust fund. The Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) offers this testimony in support of SB 2969 and would like to ask for your consideration of the following amendments:

1. The creation of a check-off box allowing taxpayers to designate their tax return to a single trust fund that supports early childhood development instead of a fund that supports multiple early childhood causes.
2. Remove the \$25 donation ceiling and add a minimum of one to three dollars.

HAEYC would like to continue to be a positive contributor to ongoing policy conversations about Hawaii’s children. Our volunteers and staff would be happy to provide you more information to facilitate your decision-making. Please contact us at 942-4708 or haeyc@hawaiihaeyc.org.

HAEYC represents nearly 1,000 members who are early childhood development and educational professionals across the state.

HAEYC’s mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii’s children (0-8) and their families.

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SUBJECT: INCOME, Tax checkoff for the early learning trust fund

BILL NUMBER: SB 2969, SD-1

INTRODUCED BY: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new section to HRS chapter 235 to allow individual taxpayers whose state income tax refund for any taxable year is \$25 or more, to designate \$25 to be paid to the early learning trust fund. For joint taxpayers with an income tax refund of \$50 or more, each spouse may designate \$25 into the fund. Directs the director of taxation to revise the state income tax forms as necessary. Allows designations to be made by filing an amended income tax return if filed within 20 months and 10 days after the due date of the original return.

Adds a new section to HRS chapter 302L to establish an early learning trust fund to be administered by the early learning council.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Tax years beginning after July 1, 2050

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure adds the early learning trust fund to the growing list of programs for which taxpayers due an income tax refund may designate all or a portion of that refund.

A survey by the Federation of Tax Administrators found that the states that utilize checkoff programs have been experiencing a decline in the amount of moneys designated through the checkoff mechanism. The survey also found that due to the administrative costs associated with the checkoff programs, states which currently have the checkoffs are looking to adopt expiration clauses and other means to remove the less productive checkoffs. Lawmakers seem to view such checkoffs as absolution of their responsibility to deal with such problems by turning the response directly over to the taxpayer. However, in the long run, the cost of administering the checkoff merely siphons resources that should otherwise be used for providing needed public services. If lawmakers believe that earmarking funds through a checkoff system is appropriate, then they might consider placing all programs on the state income tax form for designation and consider repealing the legislative body as there will be no reason for the legislature to exist because decisions will have been made by the income taxpayer.

If lawmakers believe certain programs are of great importance, then they can prioritize those programs through the appropriations process. With the Hawaii tax burden already so heavy, why should taxpayers turn any more of their hard earned dollars over to government? What lawmakers also do not recognize is that by creating these checkoffs, they add to the cost of administering the law, a cost which steals funds from other programs like those enumerated for a checkoff designation. Obviously early learning is not a high priority as it is not deserving of an outright appropriation of general funds which should reflect the support of the broader community but the sponsors of this measure believe it should be funded with a voluntary checkoff on the income tax return.

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From: Roma Johnson [RomaJ@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 10:47 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: SB2969SD1

I am writing in support of the Early Learning System Funding: Income Tax Refund Check-Off. Early learning programs are essential for Hawaii's young children, and we all know that we cannot provide supports and programs without funding. Please support this bill.

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Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Time: 2:10 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 2969 S.D. 1, Relating to Early Learning

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of S.B. 2969 S.D. 1, but is opposed to the bill due to the impact it will have on the Department's limited budget and staffing resources, if adopted.

S.B. 2969 S.D. 1 proposes to allow taxpayers, with an income tax refund of \$25 or more, an option to designate \$25 (or \$50 in case of a joint return) to the newly established early learning trust fund. S.D. 1 amends the effective date to July 1, 2050 to promote further discussion.

While the Department understands and appreciates the intent of this bill, the Department cannot support any request which will require changes to its forms and computer system, unless the changes are essential for taxpayer compliance. As the Legislature is aware, the Department has an outdated computer system with significant functionality issues. Staffing resources necessary to develop and implement modifications to the system also are insufficient. As a result, the Department's limited resources must be prioritized to address other significant projects that will occur over the next few years, and respectfully request that no new projects be imposed on the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.