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February 26, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Barbara Yamashita, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2826 – RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 26, 2014; 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 2826 is to establish the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System, as established by Section 302L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, upon ratification of the amendment to Article X, Section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this Administration bill.

The Early Childhood Education Program would consist of providers of high-quality early education to assist families in establishing a solid foundation for success in school so that children graduate from high school prepared for college and a career.

The ratification of the amendment to Article X, Section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, will enable the State to establish the Early Childhood Education Program through which:

- 1) Capacity can be built to serve four-year-old children;
- 2) The infrastructure made available by the private sector would reduce the amount of public dollars that would be required to be spent on public facilities to accommodate four-year-old children; and
- 3) Quality standards that are linked to children's educational outcomes, which research emphasizes is necessary to produce significant outcomes for children in both in the near- and long-term, will be required for all participating providers to ensure children are receiving high-quality education.

Studies have shown that high-quality early childhood education programs are especially effective for children from low-income families or otherwise disadvantaged children.

Many of the families of late-born children affected by the change in kindergarten entry age year will be forced to find child care arrangements for an additional year. Without the implementation of the Early Childhood Education Program, these displaced children may not attend a high-quality early education program in this extra year prior to kindergarten entry. Many working families are not able to afford the cost of tuition at a high-quality early education program as they struggle to make ends meet in Hawaii, one of the states with the highest cost of living in the nation.

The proposed Early Childhood Education Program would provide services to all eligible children and provide families and children access to participating high-quality early childhood education programs which will incorporate the following quality standards in their program:

- 1) Positive teacher-child interactions;
- 2) Use of individual child assessments for ongoing instructional planning based upon all areas of childhood development and learning, including cognitive,

linguistic, social, and emotional approaches to learning and health and physical development;

3) Family engagement; and

4) Curricula alignment with the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards which align with Department of Education's Common Core State Standards, State Content and Performance Standards, and General Learner Outcomes for grades kindergarten to twelve.

In addition, the Executive Office on Early Learning may provide support and resources to participating programs to incorporating the quality standards.

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



EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING
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GG WEISENFELD
DIRECTOR

Testimony in **Support** of
S.B. 2826, Relating to Early Childhood Education
By GG Weisenfeld, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
February 26, 2014
10:30 a.m., Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) is in support of Senate Bill 2826.

The purpose of this bill is to implement, upon its ratification, the amendment to Article X, Section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, by establishing a statewide early childhood education program.

Section 1 sets forth why early childhood education is important, the history of early learning in Hawaii, and the legislative intent. It is an important component of the bill and we urge the committee to retain this section in any subsequent drafts.

This bill will enable EOEL to contract with private, community-based providers, such as KCAA Preschools of Hawaii, Kama'aina Kids, and Seagull Schools, to offer quality educational programs for children prior to their entry into kindergarten.

Private providers are essential to meeting the need of over 17,000 four-year-olds for a prekindergarten experience. While partnerships with DOE (for preschool classrooms on DOE campuses through a memorandum of agreement with EOEL – run by DOE with support from EOEL) and family-child interaction learning programs (where a parent attends with their children) will serve some of this population, most four-year-olds will have their prekindergarten experience in a private, community-based preschool.

Participating private, community-based providers will be required to:

- Have defined child outcomes;
- Incorporate positive teacher-child interactions;
- Use individual child formative assessments;
- Incorporate family engagement; and
- Have a curriculum aligned with the Hawaii Early Learning Development Standards.

In addition, the program provided for by this bill will allow EOEL to monitor quality indicators, assist Head Start programs with supplemental funds if federal funds are decreased, and distribute federal funds that are provided in the recently passed federal budget.

With the program as provided for in this bill and appropriate funding, the State will be able to help provide access to quality prekindergarten for 85% of four-year-olds by 2018 (see attached).

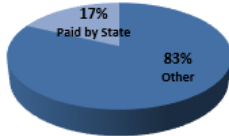
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. I am happy to provide you with any additional information you may need.



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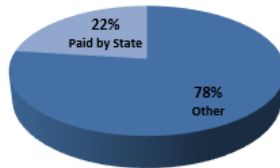
SY 2014-15 / FY 2015

\$16 Million / 17%
\$93.2 Million Total (All Sources)



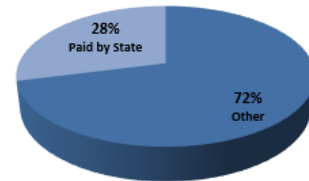
SY 2015-16 / FY 2016

\$21.1 Million / 22%
\$98.3 Million Total (All Sources)



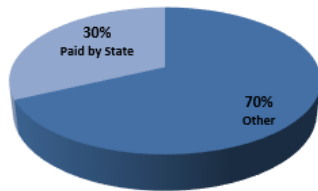
SY 2016-17 / FY 2017

\$29.3 Million / 28%
\$106.5 Million Total (All Sources)



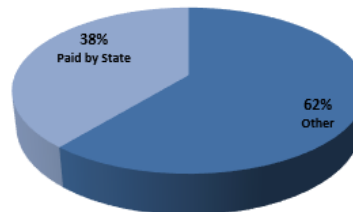
SY 2017-18 / FY 2018

\$32.8 Million / 30%
\$110 Million Total (All Sources)



SY 2018-19 / FY 2019

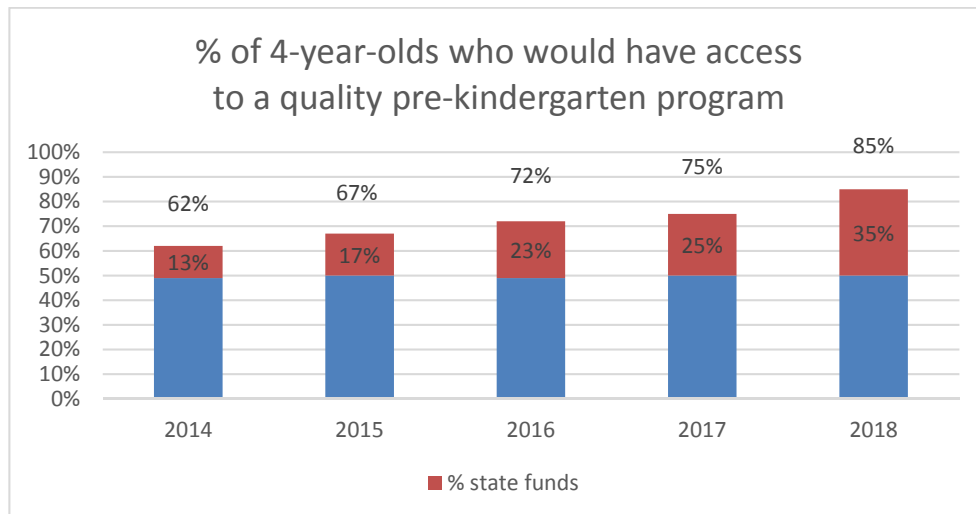
\$47.9 Million / 38%
\$125 Million Total (All Sources)



Notes:

- "Other" funds consist of a combination of federal (e.g., Head Start), parent, private foundation, and special education funds.
- Reflects supplemental budget request for FY2015 and projected budget requests.

According to the 2012 U.S. Census, there are 17,189 4-year-olds in Hawaii. Based on this funding projection, which assumes passage of a Constitutional amendment to allow public funds to be given to private early childhood education programs, the following percentage of 4-year-olds would have access to a quality pre-kindergarten education program.





UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony presented before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
February 26, 2014 at 10:30 am
By Dr. Joanne Itano
Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of Hawai'i System

SB 2826 – RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

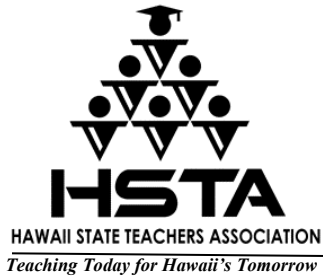
Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB 2826 which establishes, upon ratification of the amendment to Article X, Section 1, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, an early childhood education program within the early learning system administered by the Executive Office of Early Learning.

Studies have shown the link between quality early childhood education and subsequent school and adult outcomes. As outlined in SB 2826, the early childhood education program will provide equitable access to high-quality early childhood education that addresses children's physical, cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional development and monitor the implementation of quality standards.

The University of Hawai'i recognizes that our effectiveness as the state's public higher education system relies on the strength of the earliest foundations established for our youngest children. We therefore support the early childhood education program described in SB 2826.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

RE: S.B. 2826 – RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: WIL OKABE
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Wil Okabe
President
Joan Kamila Lewis
Vice President
Colleen Pasco
Secretary-Treasurer
Alvin Nagasako
Executive Director

The Honorable Chair David Ige, The Honorable Vice-Chair Michelle Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) strongly **opposes S.B. 2826** relating to the implementation upon its ratification, the amendment to Article X, section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

HSTA is the exclusive representative of more than 13,500 public and charter school teachers statewide. As the state affiliate of the 3.2 million members of the National Education Association, HSTA believes that the Constitutional Amendment is clearly an education voucher in which it takes public funds to pay for private education. We support public funding for all preschool students. The Department of Education should have the oversight for preschools in public settings.

HSTA strongly believes in early childhood education in the public schools. As educators, we made the commitment to our children to give them the best type of quality education for the future of Hawaii. Our early childhood education teachers are highly recognized, educated, and some of the best in the nation.

We believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in every classroom.

We believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

We believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe nurturing environment.

We believe in standards of care where as a single unified school system, education should be under one umbrella and not done in the silo in which it is presently structured.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

President Obama spoke of the need for high quality preschools for four year olds during his State of the State address. We honor his statement. However, unlike other states, Hawaii does not recognize the need to ensure that five years olds are properly educated. It is our kuleana to secure that our kindergarteners come first.

A great teacher can be a game changer, and a great teacher can help change student's lives for the future. We disagree with the justification in the bill that states, "the future will be grim for this population of children, especially if left without the opportunity for early childhood education."

The reality is that the future of Hawaii will be grim if our students and parents cannot get jobs, cannot afford to live in Hawaii, raise their family, and be fiscally responsible to the economy.

The bill states, "middle school level teachers shared that they can tell which students in their classrooms have and have not gone to preschool." Public school teachers in Hawaii can also identify those students in elementary and high school as well. These teachers work with many different children of all levels and all abilities. Some students enter into school having many years of preschool but by middle school, may find themselves struggling with algebra and other subjects. It is certainly easier for some students to do well in school. Some students have the ability to concentrate, some students have the ability to retain information for long periods of time, and some of the ability to apply what they have learned. These are important abilities and skills for our students to be successful in school.

There are elements in this bill that are missing studies about what happens when a child is taught by a non-highly qualified teacher. The Department of Education requires all teachers who teach Junior Kindergarten to be licensed, have credentials such as a degree, and ongoing training and professional development. These are the same for the four and a half-year olds entering schools and the legislature is legislating a double standard.

The Department of Human Services has not set up any rules to determine its criteria for the roll out of its program Open Doors. Right now it is a closed door to all of the students who could be attending preschool. It is not clear who will be accountable to ensure what and how this plan will work.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong opposition of S.B. 2826**.

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Senate Committee on Education
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211

SB 2826 – establishing the early childhood program within the early learning system

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee. Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) supports SB 2826. It clearly states that high quality programs would be provided through public and community based programs through either of the state's two official languages.

HAEYC sees the support of programs to reach high quality as a priority that would benefit children and families. The Executive Office on Early Learning should support, or find support, for programs to incorporate quality standards into programs.

HAEYC acknowledges the vision and courage it takes for legislators to enact laws that will come to full fruition after they leave office. Investing in early childhood development and education will be a lasting legacy.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 A.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 2826 RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2826 – Relating to Early Childhood Education.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the “Voice of Business” in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state’s economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber believes that this measure must be in place to provide services to the gap group that will result from the 2014 change in kindergarten entry age (children must be five years old by July 31 of the school year to enroll in DOE kindergarten) mandated by Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. DOE estimates there are 5,100 children in the gap. It is critical that immediate action is taken to make sure these children are covered.

Also, the Chamber strongly believes that focusing on early childhood is critical because brain development takes place by age five. We believe it’s imperative to begin investing early in a child’s life, when the brain is in this state of tremendous growth potential. In 2008, the Hawaii Economic Benefits Study of early education for Hawai‘i showed that for every \$1 Hawai‘i invests in a quality four-year early learning program, the state will receive a return of \$4.20. This is not only about return of investment but in providing for our employees and their children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 26, 2014

The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
February 26, 2014
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211

Re: SB 2826, Relating to Early Childhood Education

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

The Early Learning Advisory Board supports SB 2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Established under Act 178 (2012), the Early Learning Advisory Board replaced the Early Learning Council and is responsible for advising the Executive Office on Early Learning, providing recommendations to the Executive Office on Early Learning, promoting collaboration among state agencies, and being an independent voice for the overall well-being of Hawaii's children.

Hawai'i has been a national leader in ensuring access to quality health care, family support and community based models that improve the lives of young children. The Early Learning Advisory Board seeks to ensure that all children are valued, safe, healthy and ready to succeed. The board has adopted a comprehensive action strategy to achieve its goals. We strongly support advancing this bill and look forward to working 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 Advisory Board

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Conference Room 211

RE: RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – SENATE BILL 2826

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Kai and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Business Roundtable. The Hawaii Business Roundtable supports SB 2826, to implement, upon its ratification, the amendment to Article X, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, by establishing a statewide early childhood education program consisting of providers of high-quality early childhood education to assist families in establishing a solid foundation for success in school so that children graduate from high school prepared for college and a career.

We fully support the creation within the early learning system an early childhood education program. The members of the Hawaii Business Roundtable employ thousands of graduates of Hawaii's public school system, and helping children, beginning at an early age is the key to making them successful citizens in our businesses and in our community. Our ability to compete in a global economy starts with employees who have been provided the tools to do so and it all begins at a very early age.

We also believe strongly that focusing on early childhood is critical because development of the architecture of the brain takes place by age five. We need to begin investing early in a child's life, when the brain is in this state of tremendous growth potential. By the time children enter kindergarten, elementary school and high school we are addressing problems and no longer preventing them.

As business people our members understand the high return on investing in children under the age of five which has been well documented nationally and locally. In 2008, the Hawaii Economic Benefits Study of early education for Hawai'i showed that for every \$1 Hawai'i invests in a quality four-year early learning program, the state will receive a return of \$4.20. This return is calculated from less spending on special education, grade retention, and future social services –such as incarceration - plus a more productive, higher paid workforce contributing positively to the state economy.

More importantly, our members are concerned about their employees and their families. They believe that every child should be given the opportunity to succeed and success is easier to create with early childhood programs that provide them with a quality education. We strongly support the public/private delivery system contemplated by the legislation. As previous People's

Pulse polls have shown, over 80% of Hawaii's residents believe in the importance of funding of early learning.

We believe that we are at a critical juncture for our youngest of children. Many of our members themselves are part of the Be My Voice Campaign and the Hawaii Business Roundtable fully supports the Be My Voice Campaign which will help to provide a stronger future for our keikis.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify and we look forward to joining your efforts to improve the lives of our children.

Gary K. Kai, Executive Director
Hawaii Business Roundtable



February 24, 2014

TO: Chair David Ige
Vice-Chair Michelle Kidani
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Deborah Zysman
Good Beginnings Alliance

RE: **Support for SB2826:** RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

The Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) **supports SB2826**, which would implement a statewide early childhood education program upon the ratification of the amendment to Article X, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution. GBA has been a strong supporter of efforts to expand access to early learning opportunities to families and their keiki for the past decade; SB2826 will provide the foundation on which to build the early learning system Hawaii needs and deserves.

There is no debate that exposure to early learning opportunities, including preschool, can have long lasting positive influence on children. For example, neurological studies have shown that over 85% of a child's brain is developed by the age of five. However, data shows that almost 50% of Hawaii's four-year-olds receive little or no formal school readiness experience before entering kindergarten. Despite positive advances over the past two years, Hawaii still remains one of only 10 states without a statewide early childhood education program. Ultimately, this means that our Department of Education (DOE) system must devote time and resources to bringing these children up to speed with their counterparts who have had some form of early learning experience. By investing in educational opportunities for our four-year-olds, we help save our DOE system, and its teachers, time and money.

Passage of SB2826 would provide a blueprint to guide Hawaii in creating a statewide community early learning system that incorporates multiple delivery systems, including family-child interactive learning (FCIL) programs and center-based programs, and will utilize existing high-quality non-profit community preschools, as well as those that exist in some Department of Education schools. This proposal is the most cost effective, financially practical delivery system that our state can provide at this time.

This bill also ensures that Hawaii will be able to compete for federal funds specifically for early learning programs, including the \$250 million new state preschool competitive grant program included in the recent bipartisan appropriations bill passed by Congress and signed by President Obama.

Most importantly, this bill provides hope to the thousands of lower and middle-income families across Hawaii that desperately need a little help to afford to send their keiki to preschool. Our families pay some of the highest costs for early learning services in the country – in some cases over \$800 per

month. This bill helps demonstrate our state's commitment to finally making early learning a reality and affordable to more families.

GBA strongly supports the passage of SB2826 and the equitable access to a high-quality statewide community-based early learning system that Hawaii's keiki desperately deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Zysman', written over a faint horizontal line.

Deborah Zysman
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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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SB 2826: Relating to Early Childhood Education: Testimony in Support

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February 24, 2014

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 A.M.
Conference Room 211

Re: SB 2826 Relating to Early Childhood Education - SUPPORT

Honorable Chairs & Committee Members:

Aloha United Way supports SB 2826, which, upon amending Article X, Section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, establishes a statewide early childhood education program geared towards establishing a solid foundation for children's future educational and career success.

SB 2826 is important because in an era of fiscal constraint, it enables the State of Hawaii to use the collective impact of both public and private organizations to address the critical problem of preparing our keiki for school. Working as a community we can truly leverage the benefits of public-private partnerships.

Studies have proven that high-quality early childhood education programs have both short-term and long-term benefits for children, individuals, and society as a whole. SB 2826 is the foundation to provide parents with more access to these essential programs and also has the potential to alleviate financial burdens associated with early childhood education costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We urge your favorable consideration of SB 2826.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Gennaula".

Kim Gennaula
President & Chief Executive Officer



Testimony presented before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
February 26, 2014 at 10:30 am
By Karen C. Lee, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education

SB 2826: Relating to Early Childhood Education.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

SB 2826 establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Hawaii P-20 strongly supports this bill. As an organization that works in partnership with the Executive Office on Early Learning, the Hawaii Department of Education and the University of Hawaii, Hawaii P-20 works to improve the educational pipeline and facilitates seamless educational experiences across systems. The research has shown that investing in early childhood education, especially that which is of high-quality and is developmentally appropriate, leads to better educational, social and economic outcomes. It is not enough to provide childcare or babysitting services for young children; they need appropriate educational preparation to be successful in the next stage of education - elementary school – and beyond.

As proposed, the Early Childhood Education Program will be essential to deliver high-quality education to young children who were previously unable to afford access to pre-kindergarten educational services. And, when children are not ready to learn by kindergarten, their chances at elementary, secondary and post-secondary success and completion are greatly diminished. Since studies predict that 65% of jobs in Hawaii in year 2018 will require at least some post-secondary education, Hawaii must prepare its children for success by investing in them early.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



Wednesday, February 26, 2014
10:30 AM
Conference Room 211

TESTIMONY TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS

RE: SB 2826 – Relating to Early Childhood Education

Chair Ige, Vice Chairs Kidani, and members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

HAIS is in strong support of SB 2826 which will create a much-needed early childhood program in our state upon ratification of the amendment to Article X, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution. Hawaii is one of only ten states that does not have an established statewide early learning program, which means that we are missing a very crucial window of opportunity in the neural brain development of our young children.

We have heard the proverbial “cart before the horse” argument used by some, but that is not the case here; when the Constitutional Amendment passes during the 2014 election, SB 2826 will allow the Office of Early Learning to continue proceeding with the development of a comprehensive early childhood system using public-private partnerships to build upon already-existing high-quality non-profit child care providers through a mixed-delivery system. Due to limited resources and funds, it is imperative that the public and private sectors collaborate on this effort to ensure that all children have an equal opportunity for access to a quality early childhood education.

As the association that represents the voices of the private and independent schools, we are eager and willing to support the state in its efforts and believe that families should have choices when it comes to the education of their children. There is no one-size-fits-all mode of delivery for that education, so it will be important to have the support of group child care centers, group child care homes and family-child interaction learning programs.

Private providers will enter into contracts with the state to ensure that quality standards are met. It is clearly understood that this **is not** a voucher program, nor is that what we hope to move toward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Witt, M.Ed.
Executive Director

From: [Amanda-Sue Mahuka](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:58:34 AM

Amanda-Sue Mahuka from Waianae, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Arthur Bein III](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:09:27 PM

Arthur Bein III from Kihei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Audrey Kido](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:17:59 AM

Audrey Kido from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. Our granddaughter, Samantha Shiroma, is among the first children affected by the later kindergarten enrollment date. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. As our Department of Education and the University of Hawaii provide excellent, affordable education for our keiki o ka aina, we urge you to support the other end of the spectrum, our preschoolers who so deserve a good beginning in school and in life. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Autumn kaohu](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:16:58 PM

Autumn kaohu from keaau, HI writes:

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:57:59 PM

Ave Diaz from Haiku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Barbara Dolier](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:39:52 PM

Barbara Dolier from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Bernard Uy](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:52:07 PM

Bernard Uy from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Billy Henson](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:51:11 AM

Billy Henson from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Brian Yang](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:57:27 PM

Brian Yang from Los Angeles, CA writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Carlton Young](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:48:08 PM

Carlton Young from Ewa, HI writes:

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From: [Cathy Ogawa](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:54:58 PM

Cathy Ogawa from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani:

I am a former preschool teacher and director and I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future.

This is the most responsible way to spend our tax dollars. Mahalo!

Cathy Ogawa, M.Ed.

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From: [Cecily Paelike](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 1:11:35 AM

Cecily Paelike from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Germany has preschool for all 3 year olds, it's wonderful!

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February 24, 2014
Hearing on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 p.m.
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Conference Room 211
In support of SB 2826

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Celia Chang Takahashi and I am an Early Childhood Professional and the mother of two young children.

I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of SB2826 relating to early childhood education, establishing the Early Child Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes because it will establish a statewide early childhood education program.

We have a plethora of research that demonstrates the benefits quality early learning experiences have on young children, including a high financial return on early learning investment. According to the Good Beginnings Alliance, for every \$1 invested in quality early learning programs, Hawaii receives an approximate \$4.20 return on investment. This return on investment includes, but is not limited to, higher retention rates; lower teen pregnancy/parent rates; higher college entrance numbers; and less money spent on incarceration.

Investing in a statewide Early Childhood Education Program makes economic sense for our current workforce (i.e., working parents have access to quality care that they can afford making them better functioning employees, as well as creating jobs for early childhood care professionals) as well as our future workforce (i.e., higher graduation rates, students successfully attending four-year colleges more often, holding jobs longer, and having higher lifetime earnings).

In addition to improving their personal economic value (i.e., higher wages), preschool education has a direct impact on society's financial future (i.e., individuals who earn more money, spend more money).

Since the most brain development takes place between birth & age five it only makes sense to invest money in the creation and continual funding & implementation a statewide Early Childhood Education Program.

It is time for all of Hawaii's residents to view a statewide early learning program *not as an expense but an investment*. When we invest in the creation of an early learning program, we invest in Hawaii's future

If we want Hawaii to be the Aloha State, we need to show Aloha to our youngest residents by investing in their education upfront. Creating an early learning program that is voluntary that offers families a variety of choices is a wise decision. It is the right decision.

The time to invest in our keiki is now. Hawaii cannot wait any longer. The Aloha State deserves better. Our keiki deserve better.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB2826.

From: [Charis Taniguchi](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:27:15 PM

Charis Taniguchi from honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Chelsie Wong](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:52:11 PM

Chelsie Wong from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Cheri Richards](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:51:11 AM

Cheri Richards from Waiamanalo, HI writes:

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From: [Cheryl Cudiamat](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:05:18 AM

Cheryl Cudiamat from Aiea, HI writes:

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From: [Cheryl Hoshino](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:23:42 AM

Cheryl Hoshino from hilo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Christy Ryan](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:23:45 PM

Christy Ryan from Wahiawa, HI writes:

Aloha Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Cindy Jakubczak](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:07:47 AM

Cindy Jakubczak from Wailuku, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:23:44 AM

Claudia Pineda-Ball from Hilo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Corey Woolfolk](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:24:56 AM

Corey Woolfolk from East Palo Alto, CA writes:

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From: [Alfred Castle](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:40:15 PM

Alfred Castle from Honolulu, HI writes:

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:00:01 AM

Alea Schechter from Paauilo, HI writes:

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From: [Deanna D'Olier](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:13:55 PM

Deanna D'Olier from Honolulu, HI writes:

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DENA AKIU from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Derek Ching from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Desiree McKillip](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 7:33:50 PM

Desiree McKillip from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future.

In addition to the above, I raised 2 daughters as a single mother.

Both attended pre-school (1 tuition paid by family member, 1 attended Head Start.). Early education was essential in their school years from elementary throughout college.

Both of my daughters are now mothers & have blessed me w/ 3 mo`opunas. Our eldest is just turned 5 yrs old & finishing up @ Keiki O Ka Aina with the other 2 following in his footsteps.

PLEASE pass these bills, our keiki are our future !!!

Mahalo!

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From: [Diane Arconado](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:34:42 AM

Diane Arconado from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Dominic Milles](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:54:48 PM

Dominic Milles from Waimanalo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Dorothy Mahoney](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:54:25 PM

Dorothy Mahoney from Kahuku, HI writes:

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From: [Dylan Uy](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:45:28 AM

Dylan Uy from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Gale McNish](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:14:32 PM

Gale McNish from Makawao, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Gerald Mitchell](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:28:40 AM

Gerald Mitchell from New York, NY writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Glenn Ogawa](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:59:19 AM

Glenn Ogawa from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Hinano Tangaro](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:59:36 PM

Hinano Tangaro from Laie, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 6:41:46 PM

isaac kosasa from aiea, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [James Mahoney](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:55:34 PM

James Mahoney from Kahuku, HI writes:

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From: [Jamie Goya](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:19:14 PM

Jamie Goya from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Jayna Matsukawa](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 7:33:21 PM

Jayna Matsukawa from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Jennifer Dunne](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:58:45 AM

Jennifer Dunne from Sunnyvale, CA writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani.

I am writing this in support of all 4 year-olds in Hawaii and my dear friend and fellow Stanford alum who has dedicated her life and career to educating preschool-aged children in Hawaii. I am a mother of two preschoolers and one kindergartener. I cannot image my children's life without early education. It teaches them so much more than letters and numbers – it fosters their independence, encourages their curiosity, and gives them a passion for learning that will carry them through the years ahead when learning becomes more work and less fun. It does things that not even the best parent can do – teaches them to thrive in a community of their peers. Preschool has set my children on a path to true academic success and emotional fulfillment. I strongly believe every child deserves that. Please do everything you can to ensure the children who are a gift to your beautiful state receive the gift of early education in return.

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From: [Jin Chang](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 7:31:03 PM

Jin Chang from Pearl City, HI writes:

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From: [Jimmy Edsell](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:21:00 PM

Jimmy Edsell from Waianae, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Joanne Sakoda](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:40:12 AM

Joanne Sakoda from Aiea, HI writes:

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From: [John Rankin](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:11:37 AM

John Rankin from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Jonathan Mack](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:05:02 PM

Jonathan Mack from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [joy imada](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:38:44 AM

joy imada from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Julia Carter](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:00:27 PM

Julia Carter from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [June Aquino](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:35:54 AM

June Aquino from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Karen Dixon](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 6:11:57 PM

Karen Dixon from kihei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Karen Gavey](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:25:15 PM

Karen Gavey from Haleiwa, HI writes:

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From: [Kathleen Mays](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:36:43 AM

Kathleen Mays from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [kay ikeda](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:13:59 AM

kay ikeda from honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Kehau Kaleiohi](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:40:37 AM

Kehau Kaleiohi from Wailuku, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:07:11 AM

Kristin Soeryadjaya from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:29:02 PM

Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:00:21 PM

Leona Watson from Waianae, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:36:49 AM

Llayla Bartolome from Hanapepe, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 7:03:47 PM

Lynn Dagli from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am a preschool teacher at a private school. I teach 4 and 5 year olds entering Kindergarten. I see first hand the difference preschool makes. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:05:07 PM

Lynn B Wilson from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani:

More young children and their families in Hawaii deserve more opportunities to benefit from high quality early learning programs!

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Malia Hosino](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:33:46 PM

Malia Hosino from Wailuku, HI writes:

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mandy yamamoto from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:57:44 PM

Mariah Hollis from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Mark Harris](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 1:34:06 AM

Mark Harris from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 6:54:54 PM

Melissa-Anne Wong from Kaneohe, HI writes:

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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:19:29 AM

Mitchell Kido from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. Our granddaughter, Samantha Shiroma, is among the first children affected by the later kindergarten enrollment date. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. As our Department of Education and the University of Hawaii provide excellent, affordable education for our keiki o ka aina, we urge you to support the other end of the spectrum, our preschoolers who so deserve a good beginning in school and in life. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Natalie Nimmer](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:08:35 PM

Natalie Nimmer from honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Patricia Bergin](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:42:54 PM

Patricia Bergin from Kamuela, HI writes:

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February 24, 2014
Hearing on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Conference Room 211
In support of SB 2826

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Phyllis Ida and I am a retired DOE Special Educator, and the former 619 Coordinator for the Windward District. I also over see the grant administration for the Windward District P-3 Demonstration Project that focuses on keiki reading on grade level by third grade, providing model program of seamless early learning experiences from early childhood programs through elementary school for young children in the Windward District.

I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of SB 2826 relating to early childhood education, establishing the Early Child Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes because it will establish a statewide early childhood education program.

The Windward P- 3 Grant & its Demonstration Project appreciates and acknowledges the need for this particular measure in order for the Executive Office on Early Learning to proceed with its educational plan for Hawaii's young children.

There is a need for this particular measure in order for the state to proceed with its educational plan for Hawaii's young children.

The Hawaii State School Readiness Assessment (HSSRA) for the 2012 -2013 School Year estimates that approximately 43% of Hawaii's keiki entered kindergarten without preschool experience.

If a child does not arrive at kindergarten ready to learn because of his/her lack of or access to quality early learning opportunities, he/she will most likely struggle to keep up.

A lack of school readiness directly undermines reading proficiency, the leading indicator of long-term academic and life success. This could lead to the child losing interest and a motivation to learn. With each subsequent year of education, the child's achievement gap only widens.

We have a plethora of research that demonstrates the benefit quality early learning experiences have on young children, including:

- Assisting children with the skills and attitudes needed to be successful in school and in life. Quality early learning provides children with the social, emotional, physical and academic skills they need for kindergarten, as well as life long learning.
- A high financial return on early learning investment. According to the Good Beginnings Alliance, for every \$1 invested in quality early learning programs, Hawaii receives an approximate \$4 investment. This return on investment includes, but is not limited to, higher retention rates; lower teen pregnancy/parent rates; higher college entrance numbers; and less money spent on incarceration.

Because screening is a vital component to child development and school readiness, in addition to all of the items outlined in SB 2826, **we would like to request that the school readiness services made available to assist families include, but not be limited to, developmental, vision, and hearing screening.** When children are properly diagnosed through early screenings we increase their chances to succeed in kindergarten because their developmental needs have been identified early, giving their family and practitioners appropriate time to provide them with the tools they need to succeed in life long learning.

If we want to invest in Hawai'i's future, we need to invest in the future of our keiki. That investment needs to take place now with the school readiness program as detailed in SB 2826. The time to invest in our keiki is now. Hawaii cannot wait any longer. The Aloha State deserves better. Our keiki deserve better.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2826.

From: [Pono Paahao](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:42:26 AM

Pono Paahao from Honolulu, HI writes:

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February 24, 2014

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
and members of the Committee on Ways and Means
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI

Dear Senator Ige and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I encourage your support of SB2826, for all the reasons stated in Section 1 of the bill. Passage of this bill will give Hawaii a jump on implementing the high quality statewide early education program contemplated by the proposed amendment of the Hawaii Constitution that is referred to in the bill.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Randolph G. Moore

From: [Reina Kurisu](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:16:59 AM

Reina Kurisu from Kapaa, HI writes:

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:49:18 PM

Robin Dickson from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Personal Written Testimony in **Support** of **S.B. 2826**
Relating to Early Childhood Education
Senate Ways and Means Committee
February 25, 2014

by, Robyn S. B. Chun

Honorable Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for your wisdom when it comes to investing in primary intervention efforts that support Hawai'i's youngest keiki. They represent a wise investment in our collective future.

I am testifying in support of **SB 2826** which together with other bills will enable Hawai'i to establish an Early Childhood Education Program that is part of the larger Early Learning System established in section 302L-2 Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The proposed amendments to the Act build on previous legislation and incorporate the contributions from multiple stakeholders. Together they ready the state to implement a mixed-delivery system for children birth through 8-years-old that builds on the strengths and collective resources of our public and community based (private) providers on behalf of our most needy young children and their families.

My work as a teacher in preschools and DOE K-1 classrooms, as family child care provider and teacher educator, and my personal experience as a mother of twins, has impressed upon me the importance of providing each child with a meaningful and culturally relevant early experience that will address each child's physical, cognitive, linguistic, social and emotional development regardless of the child's circumstances.

With the passage of Strong Start legislation (H.B. 3461) at the federal level, the passage of **SB 2826** and others at our state level are essential. They position the state to bid for federal funding that will make it possible to leverage our funds and access federal resources needed to develop an early learning system in Hawai'i. In order to be eligible for grants, states must demonstrate substantial commitment towards developing a plan, showing cross sector collaboration, and provide access to the kinds of quality early learning experiences that will reduce the disparities experienced by homeless children, English language learners, children with disabilities, and other groups who may struggle throughout their educational careers. Cross-sector collaboration is a necessity.

Commitments to early learning have already taken place in 40 of the 50 states (The State of Preschool 2012). In a majority of those states, early learning systems are characterized by partnerships that expand access by building upon the resources and flexibility of community based (private) providers and use funds to facilitate cross-sector system building and professional development so that high-quality experiences are integrated across the PK-3 spectrum (Hustedt & Barnett, 2011). With a growing number of our children living in poverty (17%) and nearly half of our keiki entering kindergarten without the opportunity afforded by PreK experiences (48%), this is a critical year to demonstrate the fiscal commitment to early learning that will enable us to access Strong Start funding (Kids Count Hawai'i, 2013).

The Executive Office on Early Learning has demonstrated leadership in coordinating partners on behalf of children. It is building upon years of effort on behalf of many groups and will assure that we move forward drawing from the wisdom and expertise of representatives of our island community and field as we design and implement an early learning system where:

- each young child is assured of a strong foundation so that s/he may succeed educationally and in life,
- families and communities are supported and empowered as partners in assuring their keiki succeed as lifelong learners and contributing members of our communities and society; and,
- there are culturally and geographically responsive program options to address the needs and concerns of our most vulnerable keiki and families.

I support incorporating of quality standards that focus on as positive teacher-child interactions and commitments to family engagement as essential components of a sound early childhood program. I also support the value of assessments that will take into account all developmental domains and which facilitate continuity of each child's experience across birth – 8 settings with the caveat that we must provide practitioners and programs with the professional development resources and support needed to be able to assess children and evaluate programs using ethically responsible methods that respect and honor each child's individual and cultural uniqueness. We shall also need to nurture in our practitioners the ability to use formative assessment to inform meaningful, integrated, content rich and child centered curriculum that supports all areas of development and provides a strong foundation for later educational experiences.

We cannot expect to raise the quality of care in a field marked by woefully inadequate compensation if we do not appropriately fund workforce development. Raising the level of practice will only happen if we provide the supports necessary so that more than 18% of our kindergarten teachers have obtained the knowledge and skills embedded in a PK-3 license and we provide the financial incentive and educational opportunities required to recruit and retain birth – PK providers across settings that have a baccalaureate degree with specialized training in child development and early childhood education (HSRRA, 2013-2014; Buchinal, Cryer, Clifford, & Howes, 2002; Early et. al, 2007).

The field of early childhood education has existed for many years without a steady funding base and as a result is characterized by difficulty retaining and growing a highly skilled workforce. As a teacher educator, I am mindful of the investment needed to provide for an adequate infrastructure that results in high quality programs. In order to ensure children can benefit from the kind of quality early learning experiences that can lead to lifelong positive outcomes, I hope that adequate funding will be designated to support all early educators in their professional development needs, to create career and educational pathways for the field, and to attract and retain a highly trained workforce. Without adequate coordination and investment in an infrastructure that can lead to a comprehensive and integrated early learning system, we cannot expect results.

Preparing our children for the future means, in part, investing in their well-being from the start. This bill represents a positive step forward in helping Hawaii's families provide for their keiki during the early childhood years (birth through age 8 years). It creates an opportunity for shared leadership that listens to and reflects the needs, wisdom, and expertise of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of S.B. 2826.**

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From: [Roma Johnson](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:09:56 AM

Roma Johnson from 9Kona, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:11:28 AM

sam hugh from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:18:14 AM

Shanell Ingano from Mililani, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Sharon Lasker](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:45:54 AM

Sharon Lasker from Kalaheo, HI writes:

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From: [Sheree-Lynn Sakai](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:44:06 PM

Sheree-Lynn Sakai from Kapolei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Stacey White](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:35:23 AM

Stacey White from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Teresa Vast](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:39:41 AM

Teresa Vast from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with providers of family-child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will further develop the capacity, with both community-based early learning programs and our public school system, that is needed to meet the growing demand for pre-k programs - programs that our keiki desperately need to ensure they are ready to succeed in school and beyond. Please support SB2826 and SB2975. Mahalo for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future.

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From: [Terri Yoshinaga](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:59:20 PM

Terri Yoshinaga from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Tessie Kotrys](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:20:41 PM

Tessie Kotrys from Kapolei, HI writes:

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From: [Tracie Smith](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:30:25 PM

Tracie Smith from Hon, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Tracy Ruggiero](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:08:38 PM

Tracy Ruggiero from Kihei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [tyrone laufou](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:15:15 PM

tyrone laufou from Laie, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: [Venus Jardine](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:04:16 AM

Venus Jardine from Kapolei, HI writes:

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