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February 25, 2014

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Barbara Yamashita, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2975 – RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 26, 2014; 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 414, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 2975 is to appropriate funds for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs as part of a mixed-delivery early learning system to ensure school readiness of Hawaii's children prior to entering kindergarten.

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

Act 169, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, established the existing child care assistance program, called Preschool Open Doors, as the statewide school readiness program and that the program will be administered by the Department of Human Services.

The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program will serve low- to moderate-income families whose late-born children are affected by the change in kindergarten entry age

in the 2014-2015 school year or whose children will be eligible for kindergarten in the following school year.

However, there are communities throughout the State which do not have preschools available to which families could send their children, even if the families are eligible for the POD program. Those families who choose family child interaction learning programs are not eligible for the POD program, as family child interaction learning programs do not qualify as a preschool. Therefore, the POD program would not benefit families for whom community-based preschools are not available or for families whom family child interaction learning programs are the preferred option.

Therefore, an appropriation for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs as part of a mixed-delivery early learning system to ensure school readiness of Hawaii's children prior to entering kindergarten would benefit families in communities where community-based preschools are not available or for families for which family child interaction learning programs are the preferred option.

The Governor's Supplemental Executive Budget requests \$1 million for EOEL to contract with family child interaction learning programs.

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



February 25, 2014

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

FROM: Deborah Zysman
Executive Director
Good Beginnings Alliance

RE: **Support for SB2975**: RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

The Good Beginnings Alliance **supports SB2975**, which appropriates funding for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning (FCIL) programs. The Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) is a policy and advocacy organization focused on ensuring that Hawaii's young children are healthy, safe, and ready for school. We have, and continue to be, in strong support of FCILs as an effective and proven early learning method.

FCILs emphasize the importance of family in the learning process for children ranging from birth through kindergarten. In 2006, GBA was fortunate to participate in a facilitated effort, lead by 'ELEU, the Native Hawaiian Early Learning Consortium, to review and outline the benefits of FCILs as a culturally and educationally relevant early learning system. This report helped describe the strength and purpose of FCILs by explaining and illustrating their curriculum, standards, assessment criteria, family interaction methods, environmental issues, and outcomes.

One need only look at the exceptional services that 'ELEU and others provide communities around our state to understand the important niche that FCILs fill. SB2975, if funded, would allow EOEL to work in tandem with our FCIL programs around the state to ensure that Hawaii's early learning system is inclusive and diverse enough to serve a variety of communities with varying needs.

GBA strongly supports SB2975.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Zysman", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Deborah Zysman
Executive Director
Good Beginnings Alliance

SB 2975

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

Testimony Presented Before Committee on Ways and Means
February 26, 2014, in Conference Room 211 @ 10:30 am
by Dr. Kanoë Nāone, Chief Executive Officer, INPEACE

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On behalf of INPEACE, the Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, I express our **strong support for SB 2975**. As a former Department of Education elementary teacher and as a mother I have seen the benefits of early education and what happens when children don't have access to quality learning. As CEO of INPEACE, I know that the passage of SB 2975 will have a lasting impact for our state and our future.

An equitable early childhood education is critical to the success of our children and the economic future of our state. As a Family Child Interaction Learning (FCIL) preschool program, Keiki Steps by INPEACE provides vital and culturally responsive services in schools where there are high rates of special education and low rates of preschool attendance. We are able to achieve success via FCILs by empowering families with the knowledge they need in order to support their children throughout school and life. FCILs have proven outcomes to get children ready for school. It's also cost effective. In addition to the \$2,400 cost per child, per year, FCILs have more than \$2,400 in family volunteer hours accounted for each child in the program, annually, at a rate of only \$8.00 per hour. Our program is **free** so parents and families don't have to worry about tuition, they are simply required to "volunteer" along-side their child at all times -- which we consider a co-payment.

Preparing students early is also a cost benefit to the state if you consider the \$18,000 annually per child/per year rate for special education – where many students without preschool experience end up. That's more than \$6,000 a year over the regular education costs of K-12 students, per child, per year.

To help combat this, 'Eleu, an early childhood consortium comprised of 6 organizations, collectively serves more than 25,000 children and their families statewide. Our FCILs are strategically placed in underserved areas where there are high concentrations of Native Hawaiians and minority populations. Support of FCILs through SB 2975 sends a clear message that the state is willing to diversify the early learning options based on family need and choice!

INPEACE is a non-profit, educational organization that annually serves more than 4,500 children, parents and community members through its early childhood and workforce development programs on five different islands. The work of INPEACE over the past 20 years has been extensive and progressive in Hawai'i, particularly within communities that do not otherwise have access to the services it provides. On a daily basis, we see the critical role that early learning plays in the economic wellbeing of communities, especially those in areas where poverty is prevalent. We also have statistically significant educational outcomes for the children in our FCIL programs making it a viable option for school readiness.



February 26, 2014

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

Re: SB 2975, Relating to Early Learning

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

The Early Learning Advisory Board supports SB 2975, 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.

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

State of Hawaii Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING
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GG WEISENFELD
DIRECTOR

Testimony in **Support** of
S.B. 2975, Relating to Early Learning
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 2975.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family-child interaction learning programs.

EOEL requests that \$1 million be appropriated for this purpose, to be used in FY2015 for the 2014-2015 school year. This will provide approximately an additional 400 four-year-old children with access to a prekindergarten program.

Family-child interaction learning programs are an important part of the early learning system that EOEL is charged with developing pursuant to Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

To prepare as many four-year-olds for kindergarten as possible, it is important to use and expand the already-existing mixed-delivery system. EOEL's approach is to support such a mixed-delivery system, which includes private, community-based preschools; Head Start programs; family child care homes; special education prekindergarten classrooms; family-child interaction learning programs; and DOE-EOEL prekindergarten programs.

All of these options are funded through a variety of funding streams, including federal, parent (which make up the highest percentage), private foundation (such as Kamehameha Schools), special education, and state funds.

This session, EOEL is seeking funds for the school year beginning August 2014 for:

- Family-child interaction learning programs (\$1 million for 400 children*); and

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- The DOE-EOEL Prekindergarten Program (\$4,470,208 for 640 children*).

*Free- and reduced-price meal eligible – a family of four could qualify if its income is at or below \$50,117.

More than five organizations provide family-child interaction learning programs -- such as INPEACE's Keiki Steps and Partners in Development Foundation's Tutu & Me programs -- at sites across the state. These organizations reach several thousand children.

This bill appropriates funds to contract with FCIL providers, which is an important part of the effort to reach more four-year-olds in the 2014-2015 school year.

Each component of our budget request for the FCIL program is linked to building a quality prekindergarten program. Prekindergarten experiences must be of high quality to make a difference in outcomes for children. To ensure high quality is implemented, we have identified five key elements that must be incorporated within the program:

- **Ongoing professional development.** Research has shown that the most successful method for creating high-quality teachers is systematic, ongoing professional development. That is why we will contract for services (\$90,000) that will coordinate targeted professional development workshops for the participating administrators and teachers on topics such as child development, use of individual child formative assessments, effective family engagement techniques, and curriculum. For teachers to participate in the required monthly workshops, travel for neighbor island staff to participate in biannual seminars (\$8,000) has been included. Programs will also be asked to justify how they will mentor their teachers.
- **Focus on Child Outcomes.** To ensure children are learning and progressing in their growth and development, the curriculum implemented in the program must be aligned with the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards (HELDS). HELDS are research-based standards that identify the expectations of knowledge and behavior for children from birth through kindergarten entry. They are a set of expected knowledge and behaviors categorized into five "domains" or areas based on the National Education Goals Panel framework: Physical Well-being, Health, and Motor Development; Social and Emotional Development; Approaches to Learning; Cognition and General Knowledge; and Language and Literacy. To measure a child's progress in these domains, the teachers will be required to conduct ongoing formative assessments on each child (\$4,000).
- **Program Assessment.** To evaluate the quality of teacher-child interactions, EOEL would use one of several tools available to provide direct feedback to the teachers. The indicators that would be collected biannually include: the climate of the environment and emotional support provided to the students; site organization including the use of

materials and behavior management; and instructional support that is occurring, such as concept development and language modeling (\$8,000).

- **Environment.** To establish a high-quality program, an appropriate environment must be created. Sites would need consumable materials for the children to use, such as writing materials and paper (\$40,000).

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

SB 2975 – Relating to Early Learning

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee. Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) supports the intent of SB 2975.

HAEYC requests that a definition of family child interaction learning (FCIL) programs be provided, as well as accountability for the funding and quality of programs that are funded.

FCIL programs are DHS license-exempt, as an adult is with the child for the time that they are at the program. Programs typically have adult/child(ren) come twice a week, for at least two hours. FCIL programs usually serve children from birth to kindergarten entry. The extent to which FCIL programs assess child development and share child development information with families varies. HAEYC supports quality across the FCIL 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.



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

TESTIMONY TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS

RE: SB 2975 – Relating to Early Learning

Chair Ige, Vice Chair 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 2975, which would allow the office of early learning to enter into contracts with Family Child Interaction Learning (FCIL) programs. 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.

SB 2975 will allow the Office of Early Learning to proceed with the development of a comprehensive early childhood system using public-private partnerships to build upon an already-existing high-quality early learning infrastructure. 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.

There is no one-size-fits-all mode of delivery for that education, thus it will be important to have the support of a variety of different modes for education that a mixed-delivery system would provide in order to reach the majority of the preschool-age population. FCIL programs provide an alternative for those who do not prefer formal schooling in group child care centers and public preschools or family child care homes. FCILs also engage the families in the education of their young children, an integral part of a successful and effective early education experience.

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



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TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 211

Testimony in Support of SB2975, Relating to Early Learning.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of SB2975, which appropriates funding for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning (FCIL) programs. PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health, housing, and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii. We strongly support FCILs as an effective and proven early learning method.

FCIL programs play a critical role in our state by providing a culturally-relevant educational environment for children ranging from birth through preschool. FCILs not only help to prepare Hawaii's keiki with the social and emotional development they need to be ready for kindergarten, but these programs also emphasize the critical importance of family in the early learning process.

This bill will enable EOEL to work together with FCIL programs to provide increased access and more affordable options for families throughout Hawaii, especially for those families who reside in our most high-need communities.

Once again, PHOCUSED supports SB2975 to provide a strong foundation for all of Hawaii's keiki. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

From: [Alea Schechter](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:00:01 AM

Alea Schechter from Paauilo, 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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**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 2975 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

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

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2975 Relating to Early Learning.

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 children before they enter kindergarten. Providing family child interaction learning programs as part of a mixed delivery early learning system is critical in ensuring school readiness of Hawaii's children prior to entering kindergarten.

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.

From: [Alfred Castle](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:40:15 PM

Alfred Castle 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: [Amanda-Sue Mahuka](#)
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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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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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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:16:58 PM

Autumn kaohu from keaau, 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: [Ave Diaz](#)
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Ave Diaz from Haiku, HI writes:

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:39:52 PM

Barbara Dolier 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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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:52:07 PM

Bernard 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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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:51:11 AM

Billy Henson 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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Brian Yang from Los Angeles, CA writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:48:08 PM

Carlton Young from Ewa, 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: [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:

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!

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

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February 24, 2014
Hearing on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Senate Education Ways and Means Committee
Conference Room 211
In support of SB 2975

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 SB 2975 as it makes an appropriation for the for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs.

As an early childhood professional and parent I understand & am in support of the measures outlined in this bill. They are needed in order for the Executive Office on Early Learning to proceed with its educational plan for Hawaii's young children.

In Hawaii it is not uncommon for working families to entrust the care of their young children to a caring family member, friend or neighbor because of socio-economic conditions, as well as the value of family.

FCIL programs provide families with an opportunity to obtain knowledge and skills that help them provide the keiki in their care with quality early learning opportunities within their home and the community.

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. (Note: The statistics for SY 2013 -2014 were not available at the time when this testimony was written.)

Supporting a variety of quality early learning experiences, including FCIL programs, is crucial because approximately 5,000 keiki will be affected by the kindergarten age change that will happen in Hawaii's public schools starting with the 2014 - 2015 school year.

If more than 40% of Hawaii's keiki were entering kindergarten without preschool experience during SY 2012 - 2013, the numbers in the near future could go up as families are impacted by the kindergarten age change and are still unable to find or afford preschool tuition or qualify for Head Start.

As an educator & mother of two young children I am in support of SB2975 as it provides families with another option when considering developmentally appropriate, high quality early learning opportunities for their keiki.

It is time for us to seriously invest in the future of Hawaii making a solid investment our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2975.

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:

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: [Chelsie Wong](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:52:11 PM

Chelsie Wong 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: [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:

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: [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:

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: [Cheryl Hoshino](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:07:47 AM

Cindy Jakubczak 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: [Claudia Pineda-Ball](#)
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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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:24:56 AM

Corey Woolfolk from East Palo Alto, 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: [Deanna D'Olier](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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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From: [DENA AKIU](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:35:22 AM

DENA AKIU from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Derek Ching](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:18:04 AM

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:

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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](#)
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Diane Arconado from Wailuku, HI writes:

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From: [Dominic Milles](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:54:48 PM

Dominic Milles from Waimanalo, HI writes:

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From: [Dorothy Mahoney](#)
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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](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:45:28 AM

Dylan Uy from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Gale McNish](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:14:32 PM

Gale McNish from Makawao, HI writes:

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From: [Gerald Mitchell](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:28:40 AM

Gerald Mitchell from New York, NY writes:

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From: [Glenn Ogawa](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:59:19 AM

Glenn Ogawa from Kaneohe, HI writes:

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From: [Hinano Tangaro](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:59:36 PM

Hinano Tangaro from Laie, HI writes:

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From: [isaac.kosasa](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 6:41:46 PM

isaac kosasa from aiea, HI writes:

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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:

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: [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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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: [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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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: [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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:05:02 PM

Jonathan Mack from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [joy imada](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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. I spent my career helping Hawaii's kids go to college, and I believe that providing young children who are so naturally curious is the first step toward future educational success. Mahalo!

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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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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: [Kehau Kaleiohi](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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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From: [Kristin Soeryadjaya](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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From: [Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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From: [Leona Watson](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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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From: [Llayla Bartolome](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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: [Lynn Dagli](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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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From: [Lynn B Wilson](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
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](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:33:46 PM

Malia Hosino 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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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:36:21 AM

mandy yamamoto from Honolulu, HI writes:

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From: [Mariah Hollis](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:57:44 PM

Mariah Hollis from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
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:

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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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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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:08:35 PM

Natalie Nimmer 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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SB2975

Submitted on: 2/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2014 10:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Olivia Vasquez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm in support for SB2975 because I support FCIL programs. My family and I have personally benefited from a FCIL program. I was going through a hard time in my life. I Divorced my then husband and ended up homeless with 2 children living out of our vehicle. Once I moved into a homeless shelter I came across across a family interactive preschool. It was there that I was taught to better my life and my childrens lives. We both were educated as a family. Today I have a full time job that I've been with for almost 3 years. My children and I have our own place and were able to buy a new car. We are completely off of any type of public assistance as we no longer qualify because of income guidelines. My children are enjoying their schools and entered elementary knowing their alphabets, colors, and even how to write their names. They learned a lot from this FCIL preschool we attended. Please support FCIL programs because these programs support the whole family to be successful and the child will continue to learn even after school is over. The teacher outside of school hours will be the childs parents/ caregiver. Mahalo, Olivia Vasquez

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:42:54 PM

Patricia Bergin from Kamuela, 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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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 2975

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 2975 as it makes an appropriation for the for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs.

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.

Family child interactive learning (FCIL) provides families who access family, friend and neighbor care for their keiki with support services that provide young children with quality early learning opportunities. These programs are known by many different names (i.e., parent-child interaction programs, play and learn groups, family literacy programs, traveling preschools, family education, and parent participation preschools).

A strong program-family relationship is one that contributes resources, work together for the benefit of children & their well being. When a program-family relationship is strong family engagement will increase, which benefits the development of the whole child, socially, emotionally & academically.

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. FCIL programs help close the kindergarten readiness gap by providing families with knowledge and skills on how to provide their keiki with familial interaction that have a positive impact on their educational success.

The Windward P-3 Demonstration recognizes that families need an early learning system that offers a plethora of options when it comes to providing their child with quality early learning experiences. We recognize & acknowledge that FCIL programs are a very important & integral piece of our early learning system. Without it, we are not providing families with the plethora of education & care options that they want or need.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2975.

From: [Pono Paahao](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:42:26 AM

Pono Paahao 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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Randolph G. Moore
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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:

Subject: SB 2975

I encourage your support of SB2975, for all the reasons eloquently stated in Standing Committee report no. 2113 from the Senate Committee on Education, including the suggested appropriation of \$1 million.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Randolph G. Moore

From: [Reina Kurisu](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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:

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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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 Presented Before the
Senate Ways and Means Committee
February 19 2014, 3:25 am
by, Robyn S. B. Chun**

S.B. 2975 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

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

I am testifying in support of **SB 2975**, which allows an appropriation for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs.

SB 2975 makes it possible for the Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) to contract with family child interaction learning programs so they may be included as part of a multi-faceted early learning system should the constitutional amendment pass in November. The FCILs are recognized in statute as one of the 4 types of early learning programs that make up our current birth - PK early education system. These programs originated from the Native Hawaiian community because the other options available were inaccessible or were structured in ways that were unable to meet the needs of Native Hawaiian O'hana. In areas with high populations of Native Hawaiians, FCILs and other innovative programs were created by leaders within these communities that were sensitive to the cultural values and concerns of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander families.

The FCILs are a vital link in our system of early learning services. These programs reach out to families at homeless shelters, on the beach, or in their communities in ways that enable them to reach families who are the most likely not to be able or willing to make use of more conventional preschools. The organizations that created these programs listened and designed programs based on what they knew about families in Native Hawaiian communities rather than asking families to make choices that are difficult such as putting the care and learning of a preschool aged child over a younger sibling who may be a toddler. They have particularly powerful family engagement practices that accomplish much more than support a child's development and learning. They engage in powerful, intergenerational community development work.

Furthermore, because they have benefited from the generous federal dollars Senator Inouye has championed for programs that serve Native Hawaiians, they have a history of collecting data to evaluate outcomes based on assessments that are well recognized in the field such as the ASQ, ASQ-SE, and PPVT and to seek other quality measures such as program accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Moreover, FCILs contribute to workforce development in a way that supports the economic independence of

parents by making recruiting from within the communities they serve and enabling those working with our youngest keiki to attend college and obtain a degree or to better themselves through job embedded professional development. The workplace practices of FCILs are supportive of the values and competing familial demands placed particularly on young mothers who are Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders.

The FCILs go where no one will go, reach out to people who other programs do not touch, and encourage the voice and conviction of the parents and families within our most vulnerable communities. If we are going to turn around the career and college readiness of our most vulnerable keiki and empower their parents to become financially self-sustaining, these programs must be included as part of our solution. We have much to learn from them. Including FCILS in legislation is critical as we strive to build an early learning system that builds on the collective strengths and assets of our community based and public institutions. By doing so we will be able to make sure that the early childhood practitioners that serve in these programs obtain vital resources and also that the rest of the early learning system, including our public school settings, are able to learn from their successes.

Robyn Chun, M.Ed.
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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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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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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:18:14 AM

Shanell Ingano from Mililani, HI writes:

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Sharon Lasker from Kalaheo, HI writes:

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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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Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:35:23 AM

Stacey White from Honolulu, HI writes:

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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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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:59:20 PM

Terri Yoshinaga from Honolulu, HI writes:

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SB2975

Submitted on: 2/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2014 10:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB2975. I believe Family Child Interactive Learning programs fill an important need in our community, and are a cost-effective, and powerful method to advance multi-generational education. Mahalo.

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Tessie Kotrys from Kapolei, HI writes:

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Tracie Smith from Hon, HI writes:

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Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:08:38 PM

Tracy Ruggiero from Kihei, HI writes:

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tyrone laufou from Laie, HI writes:

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Venus Jardine from Kapolei, HI writes:

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