
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to make the early
2 learning public prekindergarten program available to all
3 eligible children by the 2020-2021 school year.

4 SECTION 2. Section 302L-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) The program shall serve children in the year prior to
7 the year of kindergarten eligibility, with priority extended to
8 underserved or at-risk children, as defined in section
9 302L-1[-]; provided that no later than the 2020-2021 school
10 year, the program shall be available to all children in the year
11 prior to the year of kindergarten eligibility. The department
12 of education may grant geographic exceptions for children to
13 attend prekindergarten outside their assigned service area, as
14 the department of education deems appropriate; provided that the
15 department of education shall grant a request for geographic
16 exception to attend a prekindergarten in another service area if
17 the request is based on the employment location of the parent or
18 guardian of the student."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Early Learning Public Prekindergarten Program; Availability

Description:

Requires the executive office on early learning to make the public prekindergarten program available to all eligible children no later than the 2020-2021 school year. (SD1

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