
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-181, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Subject to the availability of funds, the program
4 shall serve four-year-old children, with priority extended to:

5 (1) Children who are not eligible to attend public school
6 kindergarten in the calendar year in which they turn
7 five years of age because their birth date occurs
8 after the kindergarten eligibility date pursuant to
9 section 302A-411; and

10 (2) Underserved or at-risk children~~[-]~~, as defined in
11 section 302L-1; provided that priority shall be given
12 to children whose family income is at or below two
13 hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.

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Report Title:

Preschool Open Doors Program; At-risk Children; Underserved Children

Description:

Clarifies the definition of "underserved" or "at-risk" children as it relates to the priority given to these children for the Preschool Open Doors program. Provides that priority among underserved or at-risk children shall be given to children whose family income is at or below 250 per cent of the federal poverty level. Takes effect 7/1/2051. (SD1)

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