
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 three
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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.



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 350 per cent of the federal poverty level. (SB1189 HD1)

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