

HB918 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION.

Report Title: Early Intervention; Department of Health; Web-based Data System; Appropriation (\$)

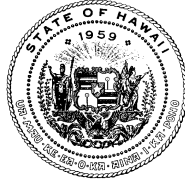
Description: Appropriates funds for the procurement and maintenance of and training for a web-based data system in the Department of Health's Early Intervention Section. (HB918 HD1)

Companion: SB405

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

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Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 918 H.D. 1
RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: March 15, 2017 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill proposes a general fund appropriation for the Early Intervention
2 Section (EIS) of the Department of Health (DOH) for procurement of a web-based early
3 intervention (EI) data system and for the maintenance and training required to support the web-
4 based data system.

5 **Department Testimony:** We appreciate the intent of this bill proposing a general fund
6 appropriation for the EI web-based data system, but defer to the Governor's Executive Budget
7 request and to the DOH's appropriations and personnel priorities.

8 EIS provides EI services for children age 0-3 years with developmental delays or at
9 biological risk for developmental delays, as mandated by the federal law Part C of the
10 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Approximately 3,500 children each year
11 receive EI services through 20 EI Programs that are State-operated or contracted providers for
12 specified geographical areas. Services include care coordination; family training, counseling,
13 home visiting; nutrition; occupational therapy; physical therapy; psychology; social work;
14 special instruction; speech therapy; and other services. Studies have shown the benefits of EI
15 services to children and families and the economic advantages of quality EI services.

16 The original data system was developed for New Mexico's EI system in 2000, and
17 modified by EIS in 2007 for Hawaii use. The current EIS database is out-of-date by national
18 standards, with lack of a web-based data system. Other statewide EI programs in 34 states have
19 web-based data systems.

1 The proposed data system will support children/families in receiving timely EI services
2 that are needed to support the child's development. The data system will have a complete child
3 record for planning and provision of services in a single data system, instead of the current
4 fragmented record in separate databases or paper records. A child's services will be tracked as to
5 when services are due, which will support service delivery; the current database does not have a
6 tracking system. The proposed data system will allow for more frequent or timely monitoring
7 which may include review for appropriate services; this will improve the current annual
8 monitoring by an external EIS team that reviews paper records onsite at each EI program.

9 The proposed database will increase the efficiency and quality in providing EI services,
10 through streamlining program and administrative processes, automating processes that are
11 currently done by paper or manually, and improving accountability. It will reduce inefficiencies
12 in areas that include: troubleshooting and working around operational problems, time-consuming
13 process of consolidating data from 20 EI programs into a single central database, duplicate data
14 entry in different databases, manual labor-intensive Medicaid reimbursement process, and
15 cumbersome contract tracking and billing reconciliation.

16 EIS has conducted a software assessment and feasibility study to examine the existing
17 software systems, provide insight into current operating procedures, and identify ways to
18 modernize the existing software and systems. The assessment identified issues, challenges, and
19 constraints of the current system, and provided macro recommendations for system
20 improvements and desired outcomes. The requirements traceability matrix has been partly
21 completed, and EIS will contract for remaining areas. A discussion with the Department of
22 Human Services Systems Office indicated that possibly only the EIS-Medicaid interface, a small
23 component of the EIS data system, may be eligible for Medicaid funding support. Estimates
24 from three vendors were used in estimating the cost of the EIS data system. EIS will need
25 additional funding to procure its data system.

26 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
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March 14, 2017

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: HB 918, HD1 – Relating to Early Learning
Hearing Date: March 15, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 229

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for the procurement of, and maintenance and training for, a web-based data system in the department of health's early intervention section.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) **supports** HB 918, HD1 with comments for consideration.

The Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program (Part C) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was created in 1986 to **enhance the development** of infants and toddlers with disabilities, **minimize potential developmental delay**, and reduce educational costs to our society by minimizing the need for special education services as children with disabilities reach school age. A web-based data system will minimize time spent on completing paperwork, provide more efficiency, and most importantly will enable providers to maximize time spent in providing direct services to clients.

Part C is not intended to be a stand-alone program. The intent is to **build interagency partnerships** among state agencies and programs in health, education, human services and developmental disabilities. It is for this reason EOEL recommends that the data system should have the capacity to interact with other data systems within the state, which contains information on services and outcomes for young children. The ability to have a connection between data systems will enable us to evaluate the long-term impact of these services on child outcomes.

EOEL respectfully suggests the following revision on page 3, line 6, "The proposed data system will have the capacity to interface with other state data systems which contain data related to young children."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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March 15, 2017

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and
Health
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:


SUBJECT: HB 918 HD1 – Relating to Early Intervention.


The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **supports HB 918 HD1**. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the procurement of, and maintenance and training for, a web-based data system in the department of health's early intervention section.

Based on the mandated responsibilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Sections 321-352, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with special needs, and the numerous State and purchase of services programs, it is imperative to have an updated data system that will contribute to the overall efficiency of the early intervention services program under DOH. A web-based data system would enhance the current system in entering data for Medicaid reimbursement, personnel and contract tracking, and state and federal reporting.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB 918 HD1**.

Sincerely,


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Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports** HB 918, HD 1 that provides funding for a web-based data system in the Early Intervention Section of the Department of Health.

Early intervention services are critical to preventing and ameliorating the negative effects of disabling conditions on a child's later educational success and functional capabilities. Having an efficient data system to coordinate and track services for toddlers and preschoolers who have developmental delays will help ensure timely and appropriate interventions for these vulnerable keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

Amanda Kaahanui, Staff
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Respectfully,

Martha Guinan
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March 10, 2017

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: Karen Worthington, Project Coordinator
Early Childhood Action Strategy

Re: HB918– Relating to Early Intervention
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229, March 15, 2017, 9:00 AM

Position: Action Strategy supports HB918– Relating to Early Intervention

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Nishihara, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii’s Early Childhood Action Strategy, a public-private collaborative that recognizes the strength of communities and works across sectors to increase the number of young children in Hawaii who are born healthy, developing on track, ready for school when they enter kindergarten, and proficient learners by third grade.

Action Strategy supports HB918, which appropriates state funds for the procurement of a web-based data system in the Early Intervention section of the Department of Health and for the maintenance and training required to support the web-based data system. Providing tools such as a web-based data system for Early Intervention is important to Action Strategy because of our goal of increasing the number of children with health and development on track. Strategies to achieve this goal are primarily developed and implemented through our Team 3 “On Track Health and Development Team.” A significant portion of that Team’s work focuses on screening and referrals of young children who have or are at risk of having developmental delays.

A modern, efficient data system is a critical piece of Hawaii’s early childhood system that is missing. The proposed EI data system would be a great start to meeting the state’s need to be able to track and monitor what is happening with our most vulnerable children.

Approximately 3,500 children receive services each year through the Early Intervention Section of the Department of Health. These children and the children of the future who will be served by EI deserve the best tools and services available to help them, including tools to track and monitor

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how the system is doing and tools to ensure the system operates efficiently and effectively.

The existing data system, which is now ten years old, has many flaws, including that it is not a web-based system and does not support the tracking of referrals and services accessed. A new data system will reduce inefficiencies and automate many functions, and therefore may allow more resources to be directed to helping children and families rather than expending such resources on billing, data entry, and matching and reconciliation of records.

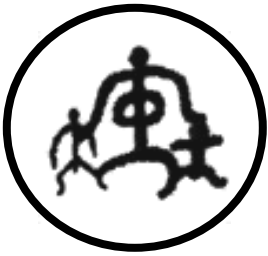
Action Strategy is committed to ensuring Hawaii's young children are healthy, safe and ready to learn and HB918 supports that vision. We ask you to pass this bill to allocate funds for a modernized data system for Early Intervention.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information. I can be reached at 808-214-9336 or karen@clnhawaii.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Worthington". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Karen Worthington, JD



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To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo, Chair of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council

Re: SUPPORT – H.B. 918, HD1 (HSCR925) RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION
Hearing date – March 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

On behalf of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC), I submit this testimony in **support** of H.B. 918, HD1 (HSCR925) which proposes an appropriation for the procurement, maintenance and training for, a web-based data system in the Department of Health, Early Intervention Section. HEICC is the federally mandated advisory council in Hawaii for the services and programs defined in Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

H.B. 918, HD1 (HSCR925) makes an appropriation for a web-based data system to replace the current antiquated system that lacks the web-based capability for real-time access to data. Real-time data supports the ability to increase efficiencies and quality of early intervention (EI) services by streamlining processes.

More importantly, the proposed data system will support children and families in receiving timely services that are needed to support a child's development. A web-based data system will provide the following:

- A complete child record in a single data system.
- Reports that will identify services that are approaching or past due for individual children, by program and EI specialist. This information will assist in ensuring mandated services are provided in accordance to IDEA, Part C.
- A tracking function of EI services for each child that will support multiple aspects of operations (e.g., Medicaid reimbursements, accounts payable for services delivered, statewide monitoring, etc.).
- An electronic method that supports statewide annual monitoring of EI services by an external EI section team. This method will provide efficient and effective processes that minimize review of paper records onsite at each EI program and allow for more frequent or timely monitoring.

HEICC supports this measure for all children and families receiving early intervention services. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

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From: L. Dean Wong, Executive Director, Imua Family Services

Re: SUPPORT – H.B. 918, HD1

RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION:

Hearing date – March 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

On behalf of Imua Family Services, staff and Board of Directors, I submit this testimony in support of H.B. 918 HD1, which proposes an appropriation for the procurement, maintenance and training for, a web-based data system in the Department of Health, Early Intervention Section. Imua Family Services is the single largest provider of Early Childhood services in the State of Hawaii and a model program of Early Intervention Service in partnership with the Early Intervention Section of the Department of Health for Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

H.B. 918 HD1 makes an appropriation for a web-based data system to replace the current antiquated system that lacks the web-based capability for real-time access to data. Real-time data supports the ability to increase efficiencies and quality of early intervention (EI) services by streamlining processes.

More importantly, the proposed data system will support children and families in receiving timely services that are needed to support a child's development. A web-based data system will provide the following: A complete child record in a single data system. Reports that will identify services that are approaching or past due for individual children, by program and EI specialist. This information will assist in ensuring mandated services are provided in accordance to IDEA, Part C. A tracking function of EI services for each child that will support multiple aspects of operations (e.g., Medicaid reimbursements, accounts payable for services delivered, statewide monitoring, etc.). An electronic method that supports statewide annual monitoring of EI services by an external EI section team. This method will provide efficient and effective processes that minimize review of paper records onsite at each EI program and allow for more frequent or timely monitoring.

Imua Family Services supports this measure for all children and families receiving early intervention services. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Comments: hair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee: I strongly support HB 918 HD1 – Relating to Early Intervention. It is critical that the Department of Human Services, Early Intervention Section, have an electronic system to track and monitor the progress of early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have a developmental delay or are at biological risk for developmental delays. The current paper-based tracking system cannot electronically generate reports and billing and lacks web-based capability for retrieving and updating real-time data that can be accessed from multiple locations. Today, web-based systems are the standard and are used in the overwhelming majority of states. To use time and resources efficiently and deliver quality services Hawaii needs a web-based system. Otherwise, there will continue to be problems coordinating the 20 service providers and approximately 3,500 children statewide who receive services each year. By providing a system that can track the services and progress of each child being served, better coordinated services can be provided to achieve better outcomes for the children and families, including lowering school dropout rates, and reducing the need for special education courses. For the benefit of improving the futures of Hawaii’s most vulnerable members I respectfully request the committee pass HB 918 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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