

HB937

Relating to Early Learning

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Measure Title: RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.
 Report Title: Executive Office on Early Learning; Family-Child Interaction Learning Programs; Appropriation (\$)
 Description: Makes an appropriation for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family-child interaction learning programs. Appropriates funds.
 Companion: [SB711](#)
 Package: None
 Current Referral: EDN, FIN
 Introducer(s): TAKUMI

Sort by Date	Status Text
1/23/2017	H Pending introduction.
1/25/2017	H Pass First Reading
1/27/2017	H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 4
2/2/2017	H Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Wednesday, 02-08-17 2:00PM in House conference room 309.

S = Senate | H = House | D = Data Systems | \$ = Appropriation measure | ConAm = Constitutional Amendment

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
2 for the executive office on early learning to enter into
3 contracts with third party providers for family-child
4 interaction learning programs as part of a mixed-delivery early
5 learning system to ensure school readiness for Hawaii's children
6 prior to entering kindergarten.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2018-2019 for family-child interaction learning programs.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
13 office on early learning for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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H.B. NO. 937

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STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
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TO: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

SUBJECT: HB 937 – RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING
Hearing Date: February 8, 2017
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 309

Purpose of Bill: RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

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STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION’S POSTION: The State Public Charter School Commission **supports** HB 937 – Relating to Early Learning.

The State Public Charter School Commission recognizes the importance of families as children’s first teacher. Engaging families contributes to healthy brain development, positive learning experiences and children being ready for school

The State Public Charter School Commission **supports** the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family-child interaction learning programs. For these reason, the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission respectfully requests that the committee pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
1390 Miller Street, Room 303
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February 7, 2017

TO: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: HB 937 – Relating to Early Learning
Hearing Date: February 8, 2017
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 309

Purpose of Bill: Appropriate funds for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) **supports** HB 937 with recommendations for amendments.

Family is the single most important influence in a child's life. Parents and families have the most direct and lasting impact on children's learning and development of social competence. Children thrive when parents actively promote their positive growth and development. Families are a child's first and lifelong partner in education and early childhood providers need to build the kind of relationships that engage families as active partners early in their child's education. Family Child Interaction Learning organizations have been successful in working with children and families which have resulted in positive social, emotional and educational outcomes.

EOEL respectfully requests that the language in SB 711, Section 1 be revised to: "The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for Family Child Interaction Learning organizations to develop and implement programs **which support families to take an active role in the social, emotional and cognitive development of their young children, as a part of a mixed-delivery early childhood system.**"

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



February 7, 2017

To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

From: Karen Worthington, Project Coordinator
Early Childhood Action Strategy

Re: HB937– Relating to Early Learning
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309, February 8, 2017, 2:00 PM

Position: Action Strategy supports HB937 Relating to Early Learning

Dear Representative Takumi, Representative Har, 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 the passage of HB937 because Hawaii's Family Child Interaction Learning programs are an important component of a comprehensive early childhood system. The Family Child Interaction Learning organizations have been successful in working with children and families which have resulted in positive social, emotional and educational outcomes. State funding for these programs will allow more families to access these important programs.

Action Strategy is committed to ensuring Hawaii's young children are healthy, safe and ready to learn and HB937 supports that vision. Please feel free to contact me for additional information. I can be reached at 808-214-9336 or karen@clnhawaii.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Worthington, JD



Hawaii
Children's Action Network
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

February 6, 2017

To: Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **HB 937 – Relating to Early Learning**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309, February 8, 2017, 2:00 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support HB 937 – Relating to Early Learning.

By providing the Executive Office on Early Learning funding and the opportunity to establish contracts with outside vendors for programs, new partnerships and opportunities will be available for our community. There are numerous, high quality programs across our state that provide culturally-relevant, multi-generational, parenting skills and child development programs for low-income, at-risk families. Currently there is not an avenue for these programs to be supported by the state, which dramatically limits the number of families they can serve.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee pass this bill.

HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2017 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.

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Committee on Education
Representative Roy Takumi Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair

February 8, 2017

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Har, and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for HB937 allowing the Executive Office of Early Learning to enter into contracts with third party providers offering family-child interaction learning programs (FCILs)

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition supports the State offering a variety of early learning and education options for our children. We like the FCILs, specifically because they are focused on engaging parents and families with their children in these critical early years. Some families may not want to enroll their children in a traditional pre-school program. FCILs offer an alternative to help parents/caregivers build their capacity to support their children, and give them the tools to guiding their children when they enter the K-12 system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Members and Participants

Academy 21
After-School All-Stars Hawaii
Alliance for Place Based Learning
*Castle Complex Community Council
*Castle-Kahuku Principal and CAS
Coalition for Children with Special Needs
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
Girl Scouts Hawaii
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
*Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
*Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
*Hawai'i Charter School Network
*Hawai'i Children's Action Network
Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
* Hawai'i State PTSA
Hawai'i State Student Council
Hawai'i State Teachers Association
Hawai'i P-20
Hawai'i 3Rs
Head Start Collaboration Office
It's All About Kids
*INPEACE
Joint Venture Education Forum
Junior Achievement of Hawaii
Kamehameha Schools
Kanu Hawai'i
*Kaua'i Ho'okele Council
Keiki to Career Kaua'i
Kupu A'e
*Leaders for the Next Generation
Learning First

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

Our Public School

*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

*Parents and Children Together

*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

Punahou School PUEO Program

Teach for America

The Learning Coalition

US PACOM

University of Hawai'i College of Education

YMCA of Honolulu

Voting Members () Voting member organizations vote on action items while individual and non-voting participants may collaborate on all efforts within the coalition.*

Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Sharon Har Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

Wednesday, February 08, 2017 2:45 PM, Conf. Room 309

Support for HB 937, Relating to Early Learning

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Please support HB 937.

Mahalo

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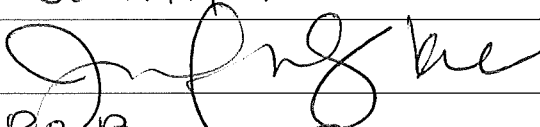
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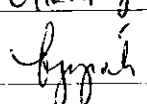
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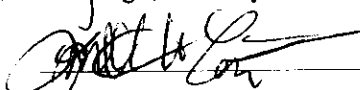
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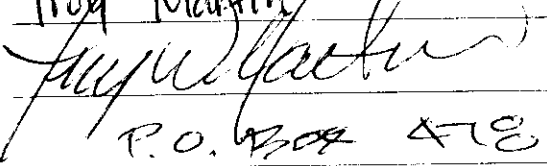
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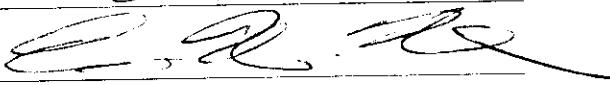
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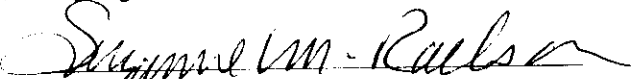
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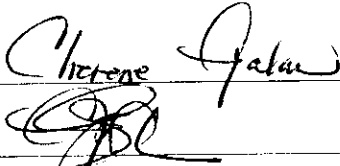
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Please continue this
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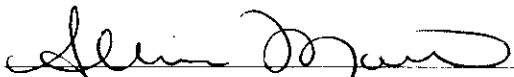
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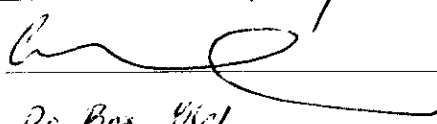
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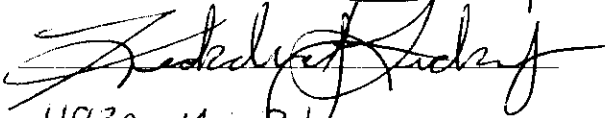
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Aloha, I am submitting this testimony to express my very strong support for the funding of family child interaction learning programs.

These programs provide families with tremendous support and prepare our keiki to make the transition into the formal learning process. Research has shown that there is a tremendous long-term savings to society when a child receives proper educational preparation.

Family child interaction learning programs works closely with parents to teach them how to be their child's first and foremost educator. It is a mixed delivery system that also equips parents to be well informed and how to be an advocate for their child.

Funding for these programs will provide a needed service to many of our keiki who today must enter a system without the proper preparation.

Please support HB 937.

Mahalo

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The House Committee on Education (EDU)

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

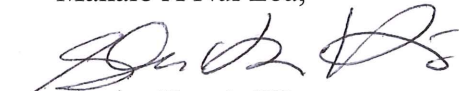
My name is Sherise Kana'e-Kane and I am in support of HB 937. I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of FCIL programs within our Ka Pa'alana Program located at Richardson's Ocean Center in Keaukaha. Our program is an extension of the Ka Pa'alana Homeless Family Educational Program on the Wai'anae Coast and Kaka'ako on Oahu. Our families in Keaukaha and Kings Landing area has shown progress in parent interaction in many areas such as S.T.E.A.M. language, creating boundaries and routines. Family child interaction learning programs works closely with parents to teach them how to be their child's first and foremost educator. It is a mixed delivery system that also equips parents to be well informed and how to be an advocate for their child.

Research shows that 95 percent of a child's brain is formed by age 5 and parent involvement is critical to children's school success. Our program and other Family Child Interaction Learning Programs equip parents and caregivers with the skills to support their children's learning and success when entering formal education. Often times vulnerable families do not have access to quality children education or family strengthening programs due to cost, FCIL's fill this void by providing these services at no cost to the participants.

Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Sherise Kana'e-Kāne

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I am writing in acknowledgement and support of HB937. I understand the impact Family-Child Interaction Learning has on a child and also encourage it. As not only a parent, but an educator I have witnessed the benefits family interaction has and how it helps support children's overall development. Often times families are not equipped with the knowledge of early learning experiences, however with programs that embrace FCIL they are better able to learn and explore with their children.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Marchele Rapoza



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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I am writing in acknowledgement and support of House Bill 937. I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of FCIL programs. As a parent, I understand and see how important parent involvement is to a child's school success. I have also learned how to support their education, and prepare them to succeed in school. Through FCIL programs, parents are able to approach their child's learning in a more intentional, positive and creative way. These programs equip parents with the skills to support their child's learning. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,


Tioni Freeman

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. I have worked in the field of social work for over fifteen years and I witnessed the benefits and positive-measurable outcomes of FCIL programs. As an assessment specialist and case manager for homeless and at risk youth and families, I have first-hand data that support the effectiveness of parents becoming more aware and involved in their child's daily life of learning while increasing a healthier parent-child relationship. Through FCIL programs, parents have become more aware of their child's needs by learning about what child appropriate milestones are, identifying areas of need and how to approach their child's learning in a more intentional, positive and creative way. It was through programs such as these that help create a strong foundation of learning that educates and prepares our keiki to succeed in school.

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

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Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Cheryl Dias

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

As a parent and an educator I have witnessed how FCIL programs can impact a child's future. Through participating in programs like these I have not only become more involved in my child's education but also more aware of how to support my child through his education. These types of programs prepared my son for kindergarten and more importantly he became confident in school and in his learning. He is now a very successful student in the 1st grade and this was all possible because of FCIL programs that help support early childhood education. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Teon Simmons

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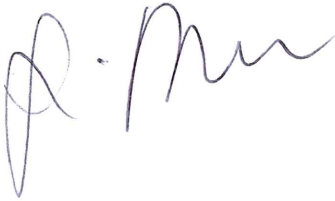
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As a mom of two, I've experienced the importance of early learning. From the early ages of 3 and 4, my children were blessed and fortunate to have had the opportunity to go through a program at NO cost. The program helped them exceed in the process of learning as well as the continuation of their education up until this day. The setting, the tools, the teachers, the aides, and EACH ohana member that participate are vital pieces to make a child grow into bright and inquisitive humans. For this reason, I'm humbled and grateful to share that my children aren't struggling with their education. They feel prepared and confident in what they do in school and in life.

Please support House Bill 937.

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Mahalo Nui,

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs while raising my daughters & grandson. I love the opportunity that I have been given to participate in my FCIL program. Through the opportunity of being involved in programs like FCIL's, I have become a more involved and well-rounded parent. I have learned how to nurture my children, support their education, and prepare them to succeed in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Catherine L. Evans-Bautista

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the incredible benefits of FCIL programs. I was a participant of programs like these that prepared me for an admissions test into a private school. Without that early childhood learning experience, I may not have been prepared for entering Kindergarten which has set my path in furthering my education to a collegiate level.

As a parent I have benefited from my son's participation in a FCIL program. I have learned to become an involved parent by nurturing my son and supporting his education. Through programs like this, I am more equipped to support my son's learning and development which will prepare him to be successful in school. Please support Senate Bill 711.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Angel Nakoa Tuifagu

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

FCIL programs provide a firm foundation in early learning and encourages parent and child interaction. At Ka Pa'alana Richardson Ocean Site, I have seen parents and children interact in a positive way by participating in S. T. E. A. M. based activities and routines. Children ages 6 months to 5 years old exhibit a sense of confidence and accomplishment through age appropriate activities with the support of caring adults who exude passion in their service to our community. This is also a safe place for parents to reach out for additional services and referrals to counseling, employment, and medical services. What sets FCIL apart from other early childhood education programs? Services are free to all those who attend. Parents are not burdened by a monthly payment, and our children have unlimited access to a free early education program that will prepare readiness for Kindergarten. Please support HB 937.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Myra Halpern

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

Aloha, I am submitting this testimony to express my very strong support for the funding of family child interaction learning programs.


FCIL programs are a crucial part of the community for many reasons. Early child education is the starting point in building successful adults and community members. FCIL programs incorporate family bonding and learning as a whole. It is pertinent in a young child's life to be educated, feel loved, and have a strong family support system, FCIL programs help to develop this for child and parent. FCIL promotes parent interaction and involvement.

Studies show that by the age of 5, 95 percent of a child's brain is formed and it is critical for children's school success to have involvement from parents. FCIL programs give families the opportunity to learn skills to support their child's learning that might not otherwise be afforded to them. Working one on one with these families as part of the team at the Ka Pa'alana Program in Keaukaha, I have been blessed with the opportunity to observe at-risk families grow and learn together. The families that we work with greatly benefit from our program. Funding to continue to help and support these families and continue the great work of FCIL programs.

PLEASE SUPPORT SENATE BILL 711

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,
Kaulana Helenihi

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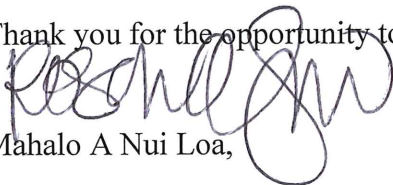
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

As an educator I was able to observe and witness the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning program. Families are able to participate in the program and have the opportunity to engage daily in an age appropriate activities with their children. During this time parent and child are given the opportunity to interact and bond with each other. Through participation children are able to increase their education and prepare them for a better future in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

Through my work with homeless and at-risk families over the past 10 years, I have seen first-hand the positive, life-changing impact of Family-Child Interaction Programs. I have seen parents enter the program just trying to survive, but with the love, support, modeling, and opportunity to "see" and learn with their child, they blossomed to become an engaged, supportive parent who has a vision for their child's success. The power of the love between parent and child propels both forward to want to become better, to learn more, to succeed in academics and in their life. While adults may not be motivated to enter an adult program to improve their education, they are motivated to help their child succeed and will make progress in a FCIL program. FCIL programs capitalize on the power of the parent-child bond to help the whole family move forward. As parents embrace a new vision for themselves and their children, they become the long-term, positive influence that produces generational change. Please support families. Please support HB937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. Through my employment with Ka'Pa'alana I have the opportunity to help parents be more involved with their children, nurture their children, support their education, and prepare them to succeed in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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Alsieann Wilson

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

Early childhood education is vital for our keiki's success and I am eager to share that I have seen many families who have benefited greatly by being a part of a Family and Child Interactive Learning experience. It is also important for parents to get involved in their children's education and it's even better if they are involved right at the start of the child's education. There is a Hawaiian saying "O ke kahua mamua, mahope ke kūkulu." Which roughly translates to "First the foundation, then the building." It stresses the importance of laying down strong foundations in order to grow. FCIL programs facilitate this. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I'm writing in support of HB 937.

FCIL programs have become increasingly important. There are a lot of new research supporting parental involvement and early education. The research can be shared with families through these FCIL programs.

Certain FCIL programs provide education and services to homeless families who might not be able to afford education or services from formal programs. These families are in great need of assistance, and they often times are unable to make progress through traditional means. FCIL programs such as this would allow them to learn the importance of education for themselves and their children while breaking the cycle of poverty their children's and grandchildren's generations face.

FCIL programs focus on the whole family who learn together while spending quality time with each other. Stronger bonds are formed and strengthened. Values of education and family become more clear. Learning becomes enjoyable at a young age. The value of education carries on with the child as the child grows into adulthood.

I strongly believe in the importance of FCIL programs. Building strong foundations are essential for future success. Your continued support would help ensure that our families receive proper education and services.

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

Mahalo,



Stacey Kauka

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have witnessed firsthand how Family-Child Interaction Learning programs develop meaningful parent and child relationships in an education setting. The development of this relationship is crucial to foster a supportive learning environment to prepare children to be successful in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

In the time that I have been working at an FCIL program, I have seen tremendous growth in the lives of our children and their families. Our program equips caregivers with the tools necessary to not only be actively involved in their children's education but to actually be their children's first educator. When talking with a parent of one of the children who attends the program, she told me that she loves our program because she doesn't have the resources at home to do these educational activities with her daughter. I have seen children from our program who weren't able to speak and would always hide behind their caregivers, come running to me yelling "Good morning, Aunty!" and tell me long stories about their days. I have seen children who would kick and scream when they had to share anything with another child now be able to say "Please" and "Thank you." I have seen parents who would just leave their child alone when they first started coming to our program, now reading books to them and asking them open-ended questions while they interact with their child in each activity. I cannot think of anything more important for a child to have than an education, and for their family to be actively involved in their life. FCIL programs provide both of those things. Please support the families who benefit from FCIL programs by supporting House Bill 937.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,
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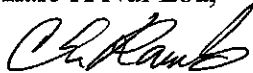
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I have personally experienced the influential benefits of FCIL programs through the work that I do with Partners in Development. During the 3 years that I have worked with my FCIL program, I have seen children learn and grow immensely as they are equipped with the necessary skills for a lifetime of scholastic accomplishment. I have also observed parent education classes which empowers parents to be an even greater support to their children's development and education.

Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Christine L. Rawls

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As a mom of two, I've experienced the importance of early learning. From the early ages of 3 and 4, my children were blessed and fortunate to have had the opportunity to go through a program at NO cost. The program helped them exceed in the process of learning as well as the continuation of their education up until this day. The setting, the tools, the teachers, the aides, and EACH ohana member that participate are vital pieces to make a child grow into bright and inquisitive humans. For this reason, I'm humbled and grateful to share that my children aren't struggling with their education. They feel prepared and confident in what they do in school and in life.

Please support House Bill 937.

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Mahalo Nui,
Loralai

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As an Assessment Specialist for such a program, I have personally seen lives transformed, seen children progress and meet educational milestones that they couldn't previously meet, and seen attitudes and hearts changed. I have had numerous parents tell me that the program has equipped and inspired them to be the parents that their children need. Such change can only be attributed to the nature of the program and in our participants' willingness to be a part of it. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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It is imperative that the state continue to support Family-Child Interaction Learning program. I have seen firsthand the benefits of Parent/Child learning. Our children are behind; lack of funding will adversely affect children when they enter kindergarten.

I beg you to support HB 937

Thank you,

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Donna R Kranz

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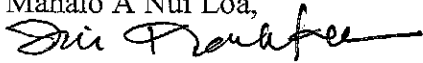
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. I have been serving these families for the past couple of years. To witness the confidence of the parents grow and the growth in their child's education is amazing. Their children are well prepared for a formal setting of education and the parents are able to provide shelter for their families, some also finding a stable job. These programs make it possible for parents to have the support they need to get through tough obstacles that they may not be able to carry alone. The staff are always genuine and caring not just for themselves but it has always been about serving families. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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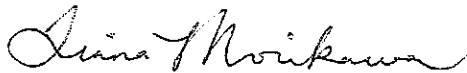
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

As someone who works for an FCIL program I can personally attest to the great work these programs do for the families of Hawai'i. There is no better way to ensure the success of a child than to equip parents to extend their child's learning outside of the classroom. Programs such as the one I am involved in promote this on many levels and the statistics speak to it's effectiveness.

Please support House Bill 937.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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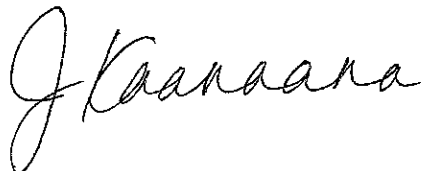
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I have been positively affected by these Family-Child Interaction Learning programs because I work closely with the families to help them understand their role as a parent or guardian while in school as well as in their homes. I am able to give the families a different outlook on education and how they can help their child to become successful in school. Through this program, I provide individualized extended help through home visits on a weekly basis.

Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Jessica Kaanaana
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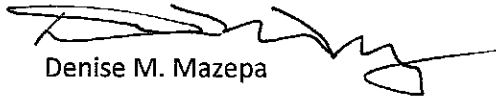
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I personally experience all the benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. My role at an FCIL program is a Parent Educator. I see the amazing difference in the parents that we support, empower and educate how participating in their children's education is so important. Please support House Bill 937.

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Mahalo,



Denise M. Mazepa

The House Committee on Education (EDU)

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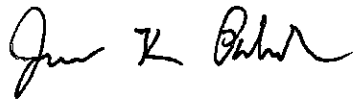
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

Through working in a FCIL program, I have seen positive changes occur between caregiver and keiki. I have seen caregivers enter with a fresh outlook and as they continued with the program, they grew with their child by interacting and engaging with them. As an assessment specialist, I've got the opportunity to assess and assist keiki in areas that could use improvement. The beauty of our FCIL program is building relationships with the caregivers and keiki so that I can effectively assess a child and speak honestly to the caregiver about their child's progress. With that open relationship, I have seen caregiver and keiki grow together equipping their keiki for their future educational development. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Jesse Pahukula

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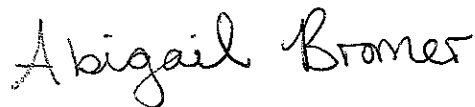
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. Through my role as a teacher's aid, I get to see firsthand how these programs have bonded the families I see every day. Parents come to our program and don't know how to interact with their children but after time with us they are given the opportunity to grow and learn and now they are able to have full conversations with them; they are able to ask questions to help their keiki think and learn new things. I love being able to see their relationships grow. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I am submitting this testimony to express my support for the funding of family-child interaction learning programs.

As one who has worked with young children and their families for over 30 years, I have witnessed the impact that parent involvement makes in a child's readiness for kindergarten and success in their later school achievement. Family-child interaction programs are key to supporting parents as they grow in their understanding of their role as their child's first teachers. FCIL programs not only provide an environment for positive caregiver and child interactions, but also keeps families informed of how they can advocate for their child at various levels.

There can also be a significant positive economic impact to our society. Investing in these programs can bring high returns on the dollar as we see these children graduate from high school, earn higher wages, own homes, and have longer marriages.

I humbly ask you to please support the provision of funding for these programs. Not even the best educational institutions can replace the impact of strong family support for a child's academic, social-emotional, and physical development and achievements.

Please support HB 937.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have observed the positive effects of Family Child Interactive Learning Programs having worked as an Assessment Specialist for the Partners In Development Foundation; Ka Pa'alana Program. One of the core components of this program is PACT time which provides a space for parents to interact with, teach, and help their child learn in a comfortable, safe learning environment with the support of Program staff. It provides a space for the child to explore and learn in a hands-on environment and encourages a joy of learning. Over time, as parents become more accustomed to interacting with their child in a learning environment, parents gain skills that they can also use to help their child at home. Parents become more confidence. They begin to realize that they can play a positive part in their child's education and development. They become empowered. This is huge. The philosophy of FCIL programs to empower parents and children hold important implications for the future. When the child enters Kindergarten, he/she is well prepared, knows what to expect and is ready to learn. Of equal importance, the parents are more prepared, know what to expect, and have a greater confidence in their own abilities to support their child's education. Family Child Interactive Learning Programs are a win-win for keiki, parents, and our communities, because these programs build stronger families, and are a foundation on which a lifelong joy of learning begins.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Julie Kawasaki

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

My name is Donna Vilorio and I would love to express my support for the funding of family and child interaction learning programs.

Family and Child Interaction Learning programs have proven to promote the well-being of children, their parents, and the family unit; as well as ensure school readiness for keiki going to kindergarten. Through my involvement in a Family-Child Interaction Learning program, I have seen parents get more encouraged and equipped to support, engage, and interact with their children. And through this, I have also seen children grow and become excited to learn. Many of the families we serve often give stories of how the learning and interactions gained through our programs are being extended at home and in the everyday moments. FCIL programs encourage children and families to embrace a lifestyle of learning, something that is so necessary for the growth of an individual and of society. Setting up a secure foundation for our keiki is beyond valuable and important. FCIL promotes and greatly helps achieve this.

Through FCIL programs, parents, children, families, and communities benefit. In many ways, these programs promote values that are integral to our State's cultural values of pono, aloha, and 'ohana.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to share my testimony in support of this bill.

Please support House Bill 937.

Mahalo,



Donna Emily Vilorio
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As a parent and an educator I have witnessed how FCIL programs can impact a child's future. Through participating in programs like these I have not only become more involved in my child's education but also more aware of how to support my child through his education. These types of programs prepared my son for kindergarten and more importantly he became confident in school and in his learning. He is now a very successful student in the 1st grade and this was all possible because of FCIL programs that help support early childhood education. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Teon Simmons

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I am writing in acknowledgement and support of HB937. I understand the impact Family-Child Interaction Learning has on a child and also encourage it. As not only a parent, but an educator I have witnessed the benefits family interaction has and how it helps support children's overall development. Often times families are not equipped with the knowledge of early learning experiences, however with programs that embrace FCIL they are better able to learn and explore with their children.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Marchele Rapoza

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I personally believe that Family-Child Interaction Learning programs have been incredibly beneficial to the families I work with. Parents are their children's first teachers. Many times our parents need help and support in how to work with their children. I have seen so much growth in our parents when they attend our program. They are asking their children more questions. They are actively involved in their activities and learning. They are continuing with these activities at home with their children. Our parents are also learning parenting skills that help them with their children in our parenting classes. They are learning health and nutrition, and how to be healthy at home. In our adult-ed classes, they are getting help with writing resumes. We bring them to the job fair, which leads to them getting jobs. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Michelle Knook
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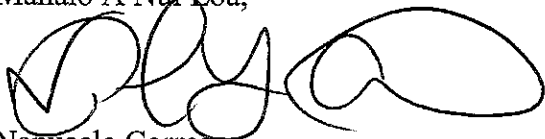
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Family Children Interaction Learning Programs are an essential part of the community. They provide safe, learning, healthy environments that benefits parents and children by providing resources for families, parent education, and early childhood education. FCIL programs also provide unforgettable opportunities for parent and child to create memories while engaging in learning activities. Please continues to support FCIL programs.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Napuaala Correa', written in a cursive style.

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

Working with our children on a daily basis as well as watching the interactions between the child and caregiver these programs offer a safe environment that encourages and equips families to be their child's first educator. This is essential to building a sense of confidence for their continuing educational career. We are the beginning and first contact into the education system.

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. Through participation in my FCIL program I have become a more involved caregiver. I have learned how to nurture our keiki, support their education, and prepare them to succeed in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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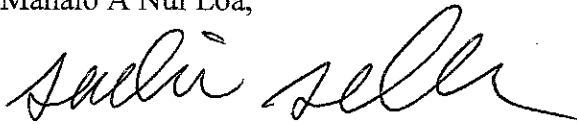
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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. I have witnessed countless families time after time benefit from our programs. Children have grown, parents have learned how to be more actively involved in their children's learning, and many have overall become better families emotionally, physically, and educationally. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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Sadie Sellers

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I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. Through participation in my FCIL program I have become a more involved parent. I have learned how to nurture my children, support their education, and prepare them to succeed in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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Armond Kahawai

Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
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Support for HB 937, Relating to Early Learning

Aloha, I am submitting this testimony to express my very strong support for the funding of family child interaction learning programs.

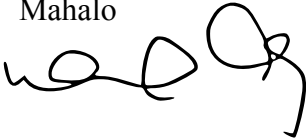
These programs provide families with tremendous support and prepare our keiki to make the transition into the formal learning process. Research has shown that there is a tremendous long-term savings to society when a child receives proper educational preparation.

Family child interaction learning programs works closely with parents to teach them how to be their child's first and foremost educator. It is a mixed delivery system that also equips parents to be well informed and how to be an advocate for their child.

Funding for these programs will provide a needed service to many of our keiki who today must enter a system without the proper preparation.

Please support HB 937.

Mahalo

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Daniel Goya

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Aloha,

I am a Teacher at a community-based preschool serving Native Hawaiian families in the Ko'olaupoko district and I strongly support this bill. Research has shown that quality education is critical for life-long success outcomes and overall economic success per the National Conference of State Legislators 2016 report:

“Continuing positive long-term effects of high-quality early childhood care and education on low-income 3- and 4-year-olds. Overall, the study recently documented a return to society of more than \$17 for every dollar invested in the early care and education program, primarily because of the large continuing effect on the reduction of male crime. These new figures are a dramatic increase in long-term returns.”

Highlights from the study's major findings include:

- Economic/Workforce: More of the group who received high-quality early education than the non-program group were employed at age 40 (76 percent vs. 62 percent).
- Education: More of the group who received high-quality early education, particularly females, graduated from high school than the non-program group.
- Crime Prevention: The group who received high-quality early education had significantly fewer arrests than the non-program group (36 percent vs. 55 percent were arrested five times or more).

For more information: www.highscope.org/Research/PerryProject/PerryAge40SumWeb.pdf.

Hawai'i needs to provide and support quality early education programs for young children for an investment in children is an investment in our futures.

Mahalo,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: Robyn S. B. Chun

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 937

TITLE OF BILL: HB 937 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

Honorable Chair, Roy Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and Committee Members

I **strongly support** of **HB 937** 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.

HB 937 enables the Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) to contract with family child interaction learning (FCIL) programs so they may be included as part of a mixed-delivery early learning system. 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 'Ohana. 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, in the prisons, on the beaches, 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.
Teacher Educator
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I am truly excited for this progress for Family-Child Interaction Learning. I have seen the tremendous growth that this different mode of teaching has on not only the child but also on the parent. Our program already has implemented this style of learning and I have seen the parents and child grow in ways beyond education. They have built stronger relationships, more trust, and an intimate bond that you just can't get without FCIL. Please support House Bill 937.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Bumanglag". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" being particularly prominent.

Jamie Bumanglag

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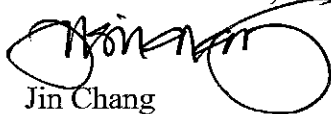
As a parent of a 9 year-old, and an early childhood professional, I have an intimate understanding of the importance of parent involvement in improving children's readiness for kindergarten. Research, as well as numerous longitudinal studies, will highlight the important role that parents play in supporting healthy child development in key areas related to kindergarten readiness – social emotional, literacy, executive functioning, and reasoning just to name a few.

Unfortunately, many parents are not equipped to know how best to support their children's development. I know I didn't. It was only due to my involvement in Family Child Interaction Learning (FCIL) programs—with its focus on equipping parents to be their children's first and most important teacher—that I was able to gain the skills and receive the support I needed to help develop my son's readiness for kindergarten. My continued involvement in my child's development using the skills I gained from FCIL programs has already produced positive outcomes for my son (who is reading two grades above his age) and me (positive parent-child bond and relationship).

My positive experience in FCIL programming is not uncommon. In fact, majority of the parents I know who are involved in some type of FCIL program have expressed that they've gained more confidence in supporting their children's development and a healthier relationship with their children. And most FCIL programs provide their services at little or no cost. What a tremendous resource for our families and children, particularly for those from vulnerable communities.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Jin Chang

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

My name is Annie Mila and I am writing in acknowledgement of House Bill 937. I am for House Bill 937 and fully support all that it entails. I have personally experienced the powerful benefits of FCIL within our Ka Pa'alana program. Although I have recently just become an educator of this program a year ago, I have witnessed firsthand how FCIL and our P.A.C.T. (Parent and Child Together) program prepares children and enhances their learning capabilities.

Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,


Annie K. N. Mila

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

I have personally experienced the incredible benefits of FCIL programs. I was a participant of programs like these that prepared me for an admissions test into a private school. Without that early childhood learning experience, I may not have been prepared for entering Kindergarten which has set my path in furthering my education to a collegiate level.

As a parent I have benefited from my son's participation in a FCIL program. I have learned to become an involved parent by nurturing my son and supporting his education. Through programs like this, I am more equipped to support my son's learning and development which will prepare him to be successful in school. Please support HB 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Angel Nakoa Tuifagu

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Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

Aloha, I am submitting this testimony to express my very strong support for the funding of family child interaction learning programs.


FCIL programs are a crucial part of the community for many reasons. Early child education is the starting point in building successful adults and community members. FCIL programs incorporate family bonding and learning as a whole. It is pertinent in a young child's life to be educated, feel loved, and have a strong family support system, FCIL programs help to develop this for child and parent. FCIL promotes parent interaction and involvement.

Studies show that by the age of 5, 95 percent of a child's brain is formed and it is critical for children's school success to have involvement from parents. FCIL programs give families the opportunity to learn skills to support their child's learning that might not otherwise be afforded to them. Working one on one with these families as part of the team at the Ka Pa'alana Program in Keaukaha, I have been blessed with the opportunity to observe at-risk families grow and learn together. The families that we work with greatly benefit from our program. Funding to continue to help and support these families and continue the great work of FCIL programs.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,
Kaulana Helenihi



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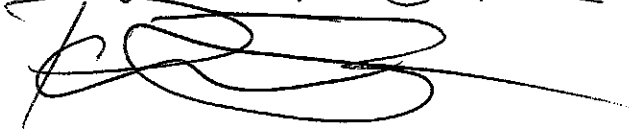
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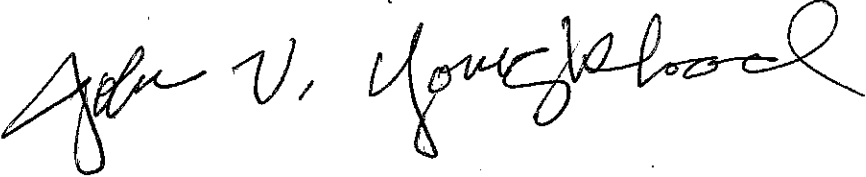
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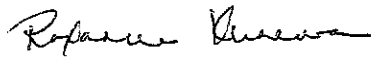
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Roxanne Kunaia

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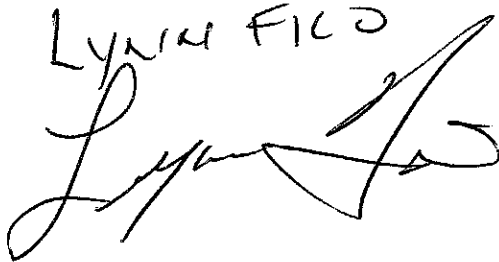
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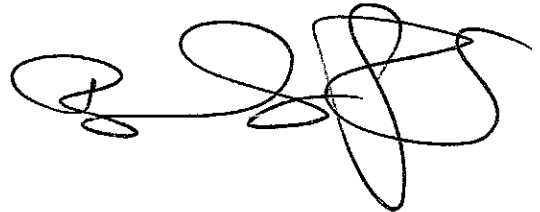
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Bernard DeLaCruz

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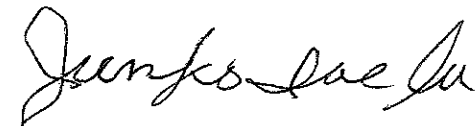
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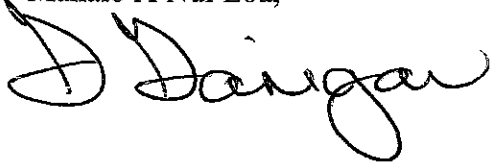
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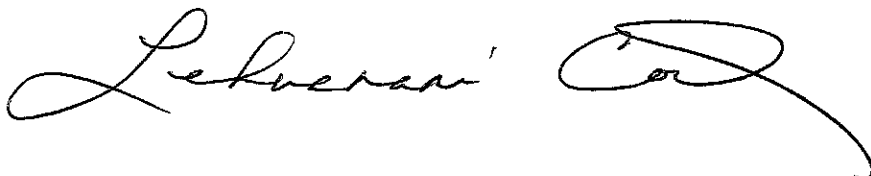
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□ J Kana'oa
By Kamahele

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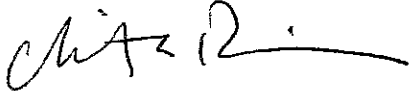
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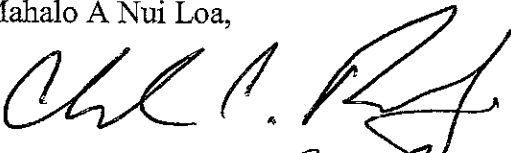
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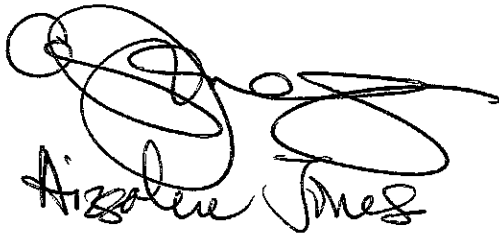
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Roselia Kumuhonu
R. K.

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Maria Hanson

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Martha P. Bear



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Conference Room 309, Hawai'i State Capitol

Aloha Representatives Takumi and Har and members of the committee,

WE NEED FAMILY PROGRAMS!
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Mahalo A Nui Loa,

KEVIN KONISHI
~~Kevin Konishi~~

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We need Equity Programs

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Richard C Chew
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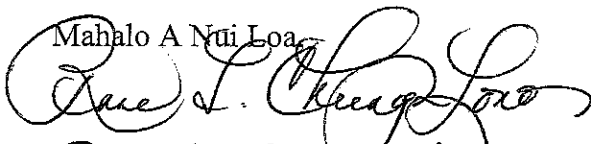
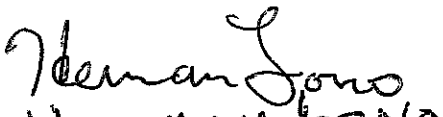
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I am a Waianae Boat Harbor resident and have personally experienced the powerful benefits of Family-Child Interaction Learning programs. Through participation in my FCIL program I have become a more involved parent. I have learned how to nurture my children, support their education, and prepare them to succeed in school. Please support House Bill 937.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa

ROSE L. CHUNG-LONGO

HERMAN LONO

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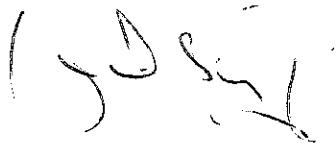
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I AM A PROVIDER FOR AN FCIL
PROGRAM. OUR COMMUNITY DESPERATELY
NEEDS PROGRAMS FOR 0-5, EARLY
LEARNING!! LEARN KOKUA!!

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



MELODY BELL
HOME VISITING SPECIALIST
91-1084 LAUNA PT #2
KAPONEI 96707

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This is a really good program. It helps me find a job and find a place. It helps me fill out applications for things I am applying for my family.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Janet Mathias

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My child and I are in this program. It has helped us with ~~man~~ filling out forms for medical and public housing assistance. It is a really good program for my child. My child and I both have learned a lot from this program.

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Kapaaolana has done so much for myself and my son. My son loves getting up every morning and getting ready for school which he has learn so many things from. All the aunties are so caring and I don't know what we'd do without them. Getting me back to school, helping me with housing applications and helping me trying to get a job. Every they do is helpful not just for me, but everybody here at Onemalu, including my family.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Onemalu resident.

Nani Tarric

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I ATTEND KA PA'ALANA AT THE HOPE SITE.
ALONG WITH MY 2 YEAR OLD SON AND 4 YEAR OLD
AND 7 MONTH OLD DAUGHTERS. THE 2 YEAR AND 4 YEAR OLD
ENJOY COMING TO SCHOOL WHEN WE DON'T HAVE
ANY PRIOR ENGAGEMENTS. THEY HAVE HELP MY FAMILY GROW
THRU EDUCATION AND PLAY. THEY HAVE LEARNED HOW TO
INTERACT WITH CHILDREN THEIR AGE AND HOW TO
ENGAGE WITH THE CONCEPT OF LEARNING IN A CLASS ROOM
SETTING; GETTING THEM TO BE SCHOOL READY FOR THE SCHOOL
YEARS TO COME. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS PROGRAM AND ALL
IT HAS DONE AND WILL DO FOR US IN THE FUTURE.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



CHERYL ADENOTO

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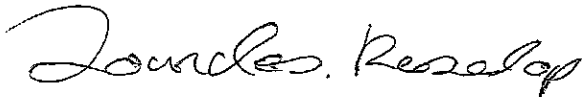
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I am so proud of this program that
they help my son learn something
in this school. Really they
help to make a difference
in the lives of our children.



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I am so proud of this program that they help my family with different kinds, of help especially, they try their best to making us ~~forward~~ forward - plus they improve our keiki.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,



Schok Pangelinan