



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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March 19, 2018

TO: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Measure: H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 1 – Relating to Early Education
Hearing Date: March 19, 2018
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Room 229

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Early Learning for additional operational costs, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) strongly supports H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 1.

We appreciate the Legislature's support of EOEL's work to increase access to high-quality early learning. EOEL is statutorily responsible for the development of the State's early childhood system that shall a spectrum of high-quality development and learning opportunities for children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten, with priority given to underserved or at-risk children.

This bill reflects the funding request of \$133,816 included in the Executive Supplemental Budget for early learning (Program ID EDN700). The details of our request are attached.

The funding will support the responsibilities of EOEL and the Early Learning Board, which has transitioned into a governing board (Act 202, Regular Session of 2017), by providing for additional operational costs, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs associated with Act 202 and Act 49, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (the State budget).

We respectfully request that the Committee consider including the \$133,816 as recurring costs, with the exception of \$20,000 (which are one-time costs for the purchase of computer equipment).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING – FY19 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

EDN 700; Prog ID 10304 (EOEL Office)		
Item	Expense	Justification
Position- Office Assistant IV	\$29,340	Act 202, SLH 2017, transformed the Early Learning Advisory board into the Early Learning Board (ELB), with governing authority over the Executive Office on Early Learning. With the additional responsibility of a governing board, ELB requires clerical support. The position will be shared with EOEL, which will require additional support as the EOEL office and EOEL Public Pre-Kindergarten Program expands.
Position- Data Processing User Support Technician (DPUST) II	\$35,676	EOEL staff require ongoing support and assistance in the management and operation of computer systems as well as technical support in problem identification, diagnosis, and resolution.
Travel for Early Learning Board Members	\$28,800	Board members who reside on neighbor islands will need to travel to Oahu for monthly board meetings as well as additional subcommittee meetings. As such, funds will be required for travel and transportation (rental car).
Phone Lines	\$10,000 estimated	With the addition of staff members (Research Statistician, Government Affairs Specialist, Program Specialist, and Secretary) as well as the 2 additional requested positions (Office Assistant and DPUST), additional phone lines (local + long distance & conference) will need to be installed.
Computer Equipment	\$20,000	Computer equipment, laptops, and software programs are required for the ELB Chairperson, EOEL Director, Data Processing User Support Technician, and Office Assistant positions to support them in performing the responsibilities of their respective positions.
Supplies and Printing for ELB	\$10,000	In order to support the statutory obligations of the board, ELB will require funds for supplies as well as printing costs.
Total	\$133,816	

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

Re: Testimony in Support of HB2163 HD1---Relating to Early Education, March 19, 2018,
3:15 pm, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert G. Peters. As chair of the Early Learning Board (ELB), I thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB2163 HD1.

HB2163 HD1 provides funding to support the responsibilities of the Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) and the Early Learning Board (ELB), which transitioned to a governing board with the passage of Act 202 this past session. It addresses additional costs for equipment, personnel and supplies, specifically,

- Office Assistant Position: to support the governing responsibilities of the Early Learning Board, created by Act 202, and the EOEL as it expands the Pre-Kindergarten Program;
- Data Processing Technician to support EOEL Staff in the operation, management and trouble- shooting of computer systems;
- Travel expenses for Neighbor Island Early Learning Board members for monthly board meetings and sub-committee meetings;
- Phone Lines and Computer Equipment to support new staff positions and ELB;
- Supplies/Printing for the ELB to meet its statutory obligations.

All of these expenses are designed to facilitate the EOEL and the ELB in fulfilling their responsibilities provided in statute as they seek to increase access to quality early learning, as part of a statewide system for early childhood. This funding will support our efforts to prepare our keiki for success in an ever-changing world.

We also support the EOEL's request that the Committee consider this as a recurring cost and appreciate the Legislature's on-going support of the EOEL's efforts to increase access to high-quality early learning opportunities for our *keiki*.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2163 HD1.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Peters, Chair

Early Learning Board

March 18th, 2018

To: Representative Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Representative Kaialii Kahele, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

From: Bruce Broisman, Policy Fellow
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **H.B. 2163, HD1 – Relating to Early Education – SUPPORT**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229, March 19th, 2018, 3:15 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing in SUPPORT of H.B. 2163, HD1 which would appropriate funds to the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) for personnel, supplies, and equipment to support the Office and Early Learning Board (ELB).

Early childhood education has been shown to have significant impacts upon later academic success and economic growth. In recognition of the need for high-quality early learning programs, the legislature has tasked the EOEL and ELB with developing and administering a system to deliver these services for Hawaii's keiki from birth through kindergarten.

To provide a system that delivers a high-quality early education for all of Hawaii's keiki, the EOEL must have the resources, infrastructure, and support commensurate with such activities. This bill provides the funds necessary for clerical & IT support, as well as critical infrastructure, allowing the EOEL to achieve this goal in an efficient, coordinated manner.

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.