



STATE OF HAWAII
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February 22, 2018

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Measure: H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 1 – Relating to Early Education
Hearing Date: February 22, 2018
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Room 308

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, with a proposed amendment.

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 these as recurring costs, and as such, propose the insertion of a new section that reads:

"SECTION . The sum appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be deemed part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2018 for the executive office on early learning for the purposes of developing and submitting the executive budget request for the biennium budget for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The department of budget and finance shall consider the sum appropriated by this Act as if appropriated in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2018."

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	



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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
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From: Mandy Finlay, Director of Public Policy
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **H.B. 2163, HD1 – Relating to Early Education – SUPPORT**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308, February 22, 2018, 12:30 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.

The funding provided by this measure will support the responsibilities of EOEL and the Early Learning Board. EOEL's mission is to develop and administer a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii's children from birth until they enter kindergarten. HCAN strongly supports the mission of EOEL and appreciates the Legislature prioritizing investment in early learning.

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.

HB-2163-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2018 12:25:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/22/2018 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Ty J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Re: Testimony in Support of HB2163---Relating to Early Education, Feb. 22, 2018, 12:30pm,
Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert G. Peters and I am the retired Head of an independent school in Honolulu which has a pre-K program. Over the past 10 years, I have served as a member of the Early Learning Task Force, the Early Learning Council and the Early Learning Advisory Board, which is now the Early Learning Board (ELB). As chair of the ELB, I thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB2163.

HB2163 provides funding to support the responsibilities of the Executive Office of Early Learning and the Early Learning Board, 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 access to early learning for our *keiki*.

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

Sincerely,

Robert G. Peters, Chair

Early Learning Board