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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that ensuring the State's
2 public institutions of higher education have a single
3 articulation pathway for prospective early childhood education
4 professionals is a matter of statewide concern. The legislature
5 further finds that the establishment of a single articulation
6 pathway will allow future early childhood education
7 professionals to more easily and more affordably obtain a
8 baccalaureate degree.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
10 university of Hawaii system to develop a single articulation
11 pathway for early childhood education students.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to subpart E of part II to be
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§304A- Early childhood education; single articulation
16 pathway. (a) The university of Hawaii shall develop and
17 implement a single articulation pathway for students working



1 toward degrees in fields relating to early childhood education.

2 The articulation pathway shall:

3 (1) Incorporate any relevant general education
4 requirements;

5 (2) Match complementary competencies and learning outcomes
6 for both associate and baccalaureate degrees;

7 (3) Allow a student who completes an associate degree in a
8 field relating to early childhood education to:

9 (A) Pursue a single, common curriculum in early
10 childhood education that will articulate, without
11 alteration, with a related baccalaureate degree
12 program at any other university of Hawaii campus
13 that offers the related baccalaureate degree; and

14 (B) Apply all the credits earned for the student's
15 associate degree toward the related baccalaureate
16 degree so that the student may begin the
17 baccalaureate degree as a junior-status student;

18 (4) Be developed in consultation with appropriate
19 employers regarding the competencies and learning
20 outcomes considered important for a successful career



1 and employment in the field of early childhood
2 education;
3 (5) Be implemented no later than the beginning of the
4 2021-2022 academic year; and
5 (6) Be reviewed at least once every three years. In
6 conducting this review, the university shall consult
7 with each early childhood education program from all
8 campuses.
9 (b) Each campus that offers an early childhood education
10 program shall publicize by all appropriate means the
11 availability of and requirements for the completion of the
12 articulation pathway developed pursuant to this section,
13 including by publication of the pathway on the website of each
14 academic unit that offers an early childhood education program
15 or degree.
16 (c) Beginning with the regular session of 2022, and each
17 regular session thereafter, the university of Hawaii shall
18 submit a report to the legislature that includes:
19 (1) Data concerning the performance of the articulation
20 pathway, including a summary of the outcomes of
21 students who transfer into a baccalaureate program



1 after previously earning an associate degree under the
2 pathway;

3 (2) The number of students who participate and graduate
4 under the pathway; and

5 (3) Any other relevant findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation.

7 The university shall submit the report no later than twenty days
8 prior to the convening of each regular session."

9 SECTION 3. (a) The university of Hawaii shall convene an
10 early childhood education articulation working group to assist
11 the university in developing the articulation pathway required
12 by this Act.

13 (b) Members of the group shall be appointed by the
14 president of the university of Hawaii system; provided that
15 there shall be at least one representative from each campus of
16 the university of Hawaii that offers a program in early
17 childhood education.

18 (c) The early childhood education articulation working
19 group shall be dissolved on December 31, 2021.

20 SECTION 4. The university of Hawaii shall submit a report
21 of its progress in implementing the articulation pathway



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1 required by this Act to the legislature no later than twenty
 2 days prior to the regular session of 2021. The report shall
 3 include the university of Hawaii's findings and recommendations,
 4 including any proposed legislation.

5 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

UH; Early Childhood Education; Single Articulation Pathway

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a single articulation pathway that allows students who complete an associate degree in a field relating to early childhood education to pursue a common curriculum in early childhood education that will articulate, without alteration, with a related baccalaureate degree program at another University of Hawaii campus. Establishes an early childhood education articulation working group to assist the University of Hawaii in developing the articulation pathway. Requires reports to the Legislature.

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