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Time: 03:15 PM

Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1562, HD1 RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD.

Purpose of Bill: Adds the director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education as an ex officio, nonvoting member to the early learning board. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1562, HD1.

The Department supports the addition of the Executive Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education (Hawaii P-20) serving as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Early Learning Board. As the mission of Hawaii P-20 is to strengthen the education pipeline from early childhood through post-secondary education and training, the Executive Director's insight will be invaluable as part of the Early Learning Board. Furthermore, Hawaii P-20's capacity for data analysis and facilitation of data sharing agreements throughout the educational pipeline could prove to be helpful for the Early Learning Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1562, HD1.



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March 16, 2022

TO: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Coleen Momohara, Interim Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: **Measure:** H.B. No. 1562 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD
Hearing Date: Friday, March 18, 2022
Time: 3:15 p.m.
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S COMMENTS

Aloha. I am Coleen Momohara, Interim Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL is providing comments on H.B. No. 1562 H.D. 1 – relating to the early learning board.

EOEL is statutorily responsible for the development of the State's early childhood system that shall ensure 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. The Early Learning Board (ELB) was established as a governing board through Act 202, SLH 2017.

The ELB is responsible for directing the EOEL on how best to meet the developmental and educational needs of children, from prenatal care to entry into kindergarten; providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the quality, availability, and coordination of early learning programs; promoting collaboration across agencies and stakeholders serving young children; and appointing the EOEL director and evaluating the director on an annual basis.

Recognizing the important role the ELB has in both representing the diverse field of early care and education in Hawaii and providing key insight and guidance to the EOEL, the ELB's perspective on this bill is of utmost importance and we defer to ELB on the provisions of this bill. Thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

HB-1562-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1562.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

To: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Morcado Kim, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee On Education

From: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

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Early Learning Board Position: Comments

Aloha. I am Robert G. Peters, Chair of the Early Learning Board (ELB). Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments about HB 1562, HD 1 on behalf of the ELB.

Through Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, ELB transitioned from an advisory to a governing board for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) and is charged with formulating statewide policy relating to early learning.

The ELB is composed of 17 representatives from across the early childhood field, in both the public and private sectors. This bill would increase the Board's current size by adding the Director of P-20 Partnerships for Education as a permanent, ex-officio and non-voting member of the ELB.

HB 1562 was discussed at our recent Board meeting with no position taken on the bill. Comments indicated that the Board is mixed in its response about the advisability of adding a new permanent seat. While there was no question raised about the value of the P-20 voice, either in its own right or as the UH representative, some raised questions about Board size along with what characteristics should qualify for a permanent Board seat. ELB has set Board composition and organization as one of its priority issues for the year where these questions can be addressed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 1562, HD 1.