

TO: Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

SUBJECT: Measure: SB 1022 HD 1---RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Conference Room 308 & Via Video Conference

EARLY LEARNING BOARD POSITION: Support

The Early Learning Board (ELB) appreciates and supports the HD 1 version of SB 1022 as it creates a Board that includes broad statewide membership including each county along with representation from relevant State agencies, defines qualifications to support needed content expertise and skill sets to facilitate building an early childhood statewide system, and recognizes the value of the diversity of early learning and care stakeholders reflected in the Board's current composition.

The ELB believes that one voting member from each county will provide needed county perspectives, reflecting each county's unique needs and communities. It is also essential to include a Hawaiian medium provider as a voting member to reflect our State's two official languages as well as a pediatrician whose focus is child development in recognition of the value of a holistic view of the child in policy making. The composition of the Board recommended seeks to minimize the potential for, or perception of conflict of interest while not overlooking the inherent value of multiple voices from the early childhood community that can be offered to the Board through the creation of an advisory council. The minimal and ideal qualifications of the Board members defined in SB 1022 HD 1 are designed to better address early care and learning governance as well as systems building, a key responsibility of EOEL.

ELB also recommends the effective date take into consideration adequate time for the implementation of a plan for the current board to transition based on the provisions of this bill.

The ELB has seriously considered this new iteration of the EOEL's Board, seeking to enhance the effectiveness of the Board in system building and policy development, recognizing the need for county perspectives to do so and, at the same time, respecting the value of a diversity of voices "providing important input" about how best to serve Hawaii's young children and their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to support SB 1022 HD 1 and we urge you to move this bill forward.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 1022, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD.

BEFORE THE:

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TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Anne T. Horiuchi, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The bill amends the composition and qualifications of the Early Learning Board (ELB); establishes general qualifications for the members of the ELB appointed by the Governor; and requires the ELB to establish an Early Learning Stakeholder Advisory Council.

Section 2 of the bill, which amends section 302L-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), appears to contain drafting errors that could be corrected by setting forth the section in its entirety and Ramseyering amendments to the whole section. Item 6h of chapter 5, "Ramseyer Format," on page 119 of the Hawaii Legislative Drafting Manual (11th ed. 2023) states: "The addition of a new subsection to an existing section requires the section to be set forth in its entirety with the new subsection underscored."

The current section 302L-1.6, HRS, already has subsections (a) through (g). Section 2 of the bill amends subsections (b) and (c) of section 302L-1.6, HRS. However, section 2 of the bill also purports to add new subsections "(d)" and "(e)" to section 302L-1.6, even though subsections (d) and (e) are already in the existing statute. (See page 7, line 16, through page 8, line 2, of the bill.). Consequently, the entire section 302L-1.6 should be set forth in section 2 of the bill, and, depending on where the new subsections are to be added, the subsection designations should be

accordingly amended to avoid unintentional consequences and to effectuate the Legislature's intent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SB-1022-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/30/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Shim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1022 HD1.