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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302L-           Early learning board; qualifications;  
5 administration priorities. (a) Upon the nomination of any  
6 voting member to the board established pursuant to section  
7 302L-1.6, the governor shall provide written documentation  
8 articulating the administration's goals and priorities with  
9 respect to the formation of a highly-functioning, well-balanced  
10 board and describing the nominee's qualifications.

11           (b) Each nominee shall meet the following minimum  
12 qualifications:

13           (1) Demonstrate integrity, civic virtue, and high ethical  
14 standards and be willing to hold fellow board members  
15 to the same;

16           (2) Commit to being a conscientious and attentive board  
17 member;



1       (3) Have an understanding of best practices in early  
2       learning governance or be willing to be trained in  
3       best practices in early learning governance; and

4       (4) Have a clear understanding of the board's role in  
5       developing and protecting a clear, long-term strategic  
6       vision for early learning.

7       (c) Each nominee ideally shall meet the following  
8       qualifications:

9       (1) Have substantial leadership experience that  
10       illustrates the nominee's ability to function among  
11       diverse colleagues as an effective team member, with  
12       the ability to articulate, understand, and help shape  
13       consensus on board policies; and

14       (2) Demonstrate a deep and abiding interest in early  
15       learning and a dedication to the social, academic, and  
16       character development of children."

17       SECTION 2. Section 302L-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18       amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

19       "(b) The board shall consist of the following voting  
20       members:



- 1       ~~[(1) A representative of center based program providers or~~
- 2           ~~the representative's designee;~~
- 3       ~~(2) A representative of family child care program~~
- 4           ~~providers;~~
- 5       ~~(3) A representative of family child interaction learning~~
- 6           ~~program providers;~~
- 7       ~~(4) A representative of philanthropic organizations that~~
- 8           ~~support early learning or the representative's~~
- 9           ~~designee;~~
- 10       ~~(5) A representative from a head start provider agency;~~
- 11       ~~(6) A representative from the Hawaii Early Intervention~~
- 12           ~~Coordinating Council;~~
- 13       ~~(7) A parent representative;~~
- 14       ~~(8) A representative from the Hawaii chapter of the~~
- 15           ~~American Academy of Pediatrics;~~
- 16       ~~(9) A representative of home visiting program providers;~~
- 17       ~~(10) A representative of Hawaiian medium early learning~~
- 18           ~~providers; and~~
- 19       ~~(11) A representative of the Hawaii Council of Mayors, or~~
- 20           ~~the representative's designee.]~~
- 21       (1) One voting member from the county of Hawaii;



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- 1        (2) One voting member from the county of Maui;
- 2        (3) One voting member from the county of Kauai;
- 3        (4) Three voting members from the city and county of
- 4                Honolulu; and
- 5        (5) Three at-large voting members.

6        The superintendent of education, director of human  
 7 services, director of health, and president of the University of  
 8 Hawaii shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the  
 9 board.

10        The board shall invite the chief executive officer of  
 11 Kamehameha Schools and the executive director of the Hawaii  
 12 Association of Independent Schools, or their designees, to serve  
 13 as ~~[voting]~~ ex officio, non-voting members of the board.

14        ~~[(c) Except for the superintendent of education, directors~~  
 15 ~~of state departments, president of the University of Hawaii,~~  
 16 ~~chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools, and the executive~~  
 17 ~~director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, or~~  
 18 ~~their designees, the members of the board shall serve staggered~~  
 19 ~~terms as follows:~~

20        ~~(1) The representative of center based program providers~~  
 21                ~~shall serve a two year term;~~



- 1       ~~(2) The representative of family child care program~~
- 2           ~~providers shall serve a three year term;~~
- 3       ~~(3) The representative of family child interaction~~
- 4           ~~learning program providers shall serve a three year~~
- 5           ~~term;~~
- 6       ~~(4) The representative of philanthropic organizations that~~
- 7           ~~support early learning shall serve a two year term;~~
- 8       ~~(5) The representative from a head start provider agency~~
- 9           ~~shall serve a three year term;~~
- 10       ~~(6) The representative from the Hawaii Early Intervention~~
- 11           ~~Coordinating Council shall serve a three year term;~~
- 12       ~~(7) The parent representative shall serve a two year term;~~
- 13       ~~(8) The representative from the Hawaii chapter of the~~
- 14           ~~American Academy of Pediatrics shall serve a two year~~
- 15           ~~term;~~
- 16       ~~(9) The representative of home visiting program providers~~
- 17           ~~shall serve a three year term;~~
- 18       ~~(10) The representative of Hawaiian medium early learning~~
- 19           ~~providers shall serve a two year term; provided that~~
- 20           ~~the prohibition against serving more than two~~
- 21           ~~consecutive terms not to exceed eight consecutive~~



1 ~~years pursuant to section 26-34(a) shall not apply to~~  
2 ~~the representative of Hawaiian medium-early learning~~  
3 ~~providers' term limit; and~~

4 ~~(11) The representative of the Hawaii Council of Mayors~~  
5 ~~shall serve a three-year term.]~~

6 (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the  
7 governor shall set the terms of the voting members initially  
8 appointed to the board as follows:

9 (1) Three voting members shall serve one-year terms;

10 (2) Three voting members shall serve two-year terms; and

11 (3) Three voting members shall serve three-year terms;

12 provided that the term of the voting members shall be three  
13 years, except as provided for in the initial appointment in this  
14 subsection; provided further that voting members shall serve no  
15 more than three consecutive three-year terms; provided further  
16 that the voting members who are initially appointed to terms of  
17 two years or less pursuant to this subsection may be reappointed  
18 to three ensuing consecutive three-year terms. If a voting  
19 member is nominated to a second or subsequent consecutive term,  
20 the senate shall consider the question of whether to reconfirm  
21 the voting member at least one hundred twenty days prior to the



1 expiration of the voting member's immediately preceding term;  
 2 provided that if the senate has not taken final action to  
 3 reconfirm the voting member by the one hundred twenty-day  
 4 deadline, the voting member may continue to serve until the  
 5 senate takes final action on the reconfirmation.

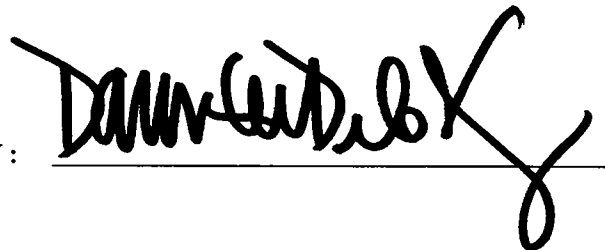
6 Every voting member may serve beyond the expiration date of  
 7 the voting member's term of appointment until the voting  
 8 member's successor has been appointed by the governor and  
 9 confirmed by the senate."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
 13 provided that the amendments made to section 302L-1.6, Hawaii  
 14 Revised Statutes, shall not be repealed when that section is  
 15 reenacted on June 30, 2025, pursuant to Act 173, Session Laws of  
 16 Hawaii 2021, section 3, as amended by Act 109, Session Laws of  
 17 Hawaii 2022, section 14.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Early Learning Board; Appointment; Governor

**Description:**

Amends the composition and qualifications of the Early Learning Board to consist of individuals from each county, instead of from particular entities or types of providers. Establishes general qualifications for the members of the Early Learning Board appointed by the Governor.

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