

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

SUBJECT: Measure: S.B. No.1022 – RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Conference Room 211

EARLY LEARNING BOARD POSITION: COMMENTS

The Early Learning Board's Governance Subcommittee has been investigating board composition and size to bring a recommendation to the ELB for approval. At its February meeting, the Early Learning Board focused on S.B. No. 1022. Key issues for the Board related to the value of diverse voices represented in the current Board structure and composition, the desire to have more county representation, the size of the Board and the potential governance challenges of a representative Board.

Because no consensus was reached about S.B. No.1022 at the February 9th meeting, a Special Meeting was called for today, Feb. 22nd at 9:00 am, to continue discussion of the bill. The intent is to arrive at a position about the bill and offer recommendations as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments about S.B. No.1022.