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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE:      Thursday, January 11, 2024  
TIME:      11:30AM – 2:30PM  
PLACE:      VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
                Conference Room 329  
                State Capitol  
                415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Hawaii Legislature passed House Bill 961, landmark legislation relating to early education and Hawaii became one of the nation's top advocates for early education policy.

The purpose of this informational briefing is to review the current and future impact of HB961 to provide access to early education through the expansion of the State's preschool open doors program for three and four-year old students.



The following speakers are:

Opening Remarks

Chair Justin H. Woodson  
Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Chair Lisa Marten

Where is Hawai'i making progress in early care and education?

The Honorable Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke  
Executive Office of Early Learning  
Hawaii State Department of Human Services

What challenges do parents and early childhood professionals currently face?

Deborah Zysman, Hawai'i Children's Action Network  
Julie Kalakau, Sunshine School Kailua  
Vivian Eto, Early Childhood Action Strategy  
Dr. Terry Lock, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, College of Education

How do other states support high-quality early care and education systems?

Patrick Lyons, National Conference of State Legislators  
Jennifer Palmer, National Conference of State Legislators  
Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr., District of Columbia  
Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky, New Mexico Early Childhood Education & Care Department  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary Sara Mickelson, New Mexico Early Childhood Education & Care Department  
Representative Terri Collins, Alabama State Legislature  
Acting Secretary Dr. Jan Hume, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

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