



GOV. MSG. NO. 1253

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 1, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3087 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.
ACT 152

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-1151.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 is amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsections (a) and (b) to read:

4 "(a) When the department considers whether to close any
5 particular public school, it shall simultaneously give
6 reasonable consideration to making all or portions of the
7 facilities of the public school available to charter schools and
8 ~~[pre-plus]~~ early learning programs; provided that the facilities
9 may be used for any other purpose the board deems appropriate.

10 (b) The department shall identify unused public school
11 facilities that may be appropriate for:

12 (1) Charter schools;

13 (2) Early learning programs [~~such as the pre-plus~~
14 ~~program~~]; and

15 (3) Any other purpose the board deems appropriate.

16 Suitable empty classrooms, as determined by the department,
17 shall be inventoried for potential use by charter schools, early
18 learning programs, [~~such as the pre-plus program,~~] or for any



1 other purpose the board deems appropriate. Priority shall be
2 given to facilities on sites with sufficient space for three or
3 more classrooms."

4 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

5 "[+](e)[+] Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to subsection
6 (b), the executive office on early learning shall solicit
7 applications from [~~pre-plus~~] early learning programs interested
8 in using and occupying all or portions of the facilities of the
9 public school and submit a prioritized list of [~~pre-plus~~] early
10 learning programs to the department for final determination of
11 which [~~pre-plus~~] early learning program, if any, shall be
12 authorized to use and occupy the public school facilities."

13 SECTION 2. Section 302D-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Each department shall provide notice to the
16 superintendent and [~~state public charter school~~] the commission
17 identifying suitable unused facilities that may be appropriate
18 for:

19 (1) Public charter schools; and



1 (2) Early learning programs [~~, including the pre-plus~~
2 ~~program,~~] that are affiliated with a public charter
3 school.

4 The department of accounting and general services shall
5 inventory the suitable facilities, and, in determining
6 suitability for educational reuse, priority shall be given to
7 facilities on sites with sufficient space for three or more
8 classrooms."

9 SECTION 3. Section 302L-1.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**§302L-1.7 Early learning [facilities; pre-plus]**
12 **programs.** (a) There is established [~~the pre-plus~~] a program
13 within the office to expand access to affordable and high-
14 quality early learning for children from low-income families who
15 are not otherwise eligible for kindergarten, by allowing
16 [~~preschool~~] early learning programs to be established on public
17 school campuses and other available public buildings through
18 public-private partnerships.

19 (b) The office [~~, the department of education, and the~~
20 ~~department of human services~~] shall work collaboratively with
21 other applicable public agencies to [~~develop suitable pre-plus~~



1 ~~classrooms on department of education campuses]~~ contract with
2 early learning programs statewide~~[, including charter conversion~~
3 ~~charter school campuses]~~. The ~~[executive]~~ office ~~[on early~~
4 ~~learning, with the department of education and department of~~
5 ~~human services,]~~ and other applicable public agencies shall
6 coordinate site selection for additional ~~[pre-plus programs at]~~
7 early learning programs on public school sites~~[,]~~ and other
8 available public buildings, with priority given to ~~[public~~
9 ~~school sites that serve at-risk children as defined in section~~
10 ~~302L-1, including]~~ sites located in areas with limited access to
11 early learning programs and services."

12 SECTION 4. Section 302L-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (p) to read as follows:

14 "(p) The department of education may use available
15 classrooms for public preschool programs statewide. Preschool
16 classrooms established pursuant to this section shall be in
17 addition to any classrooms used for ~~[the pre-plus program]~~ early
18 learning programs established pursuant to section 302L-1.7."

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO.

3087
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APPROVED this **1st** day of **July**, 2024





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3087, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives