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## 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



1 learning programs, [~~such as the pre-plus program,~~] or for any  
2 other purpose the board deems appropriate. Priority shall be  
3 given to facilities on sites with sufficient space for three or  
4 more classrooms."

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

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

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

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

20 (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 properties 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 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[~~7]~~ and other  
8 available public properties, 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.

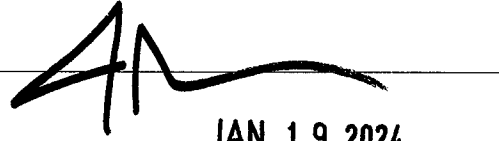
21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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**Report Title:**

Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Facilities

**Description:**

Expands access of early learning programs to other state properties and public lands besides public school campuses.

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