

# Hawai'i Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

The Hawai'i Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance (HECAA) is a collaboration of organizations from the public and private sectors. HECAA strengthens advocacy efforts to ensure all children have equitable access to affordable, culturally reflective, high-quality care and education. Supporting young keiki means supporting the workers who care for and educate them.

The first five years of a child's life are crucial. The most significant brain development occurs during those years—meaning it's the best time to lay the foundation for future success. Children who attend quality child care and early learning programs have better lifelong outcomes. Children only get one chance for a strong start. Their future—our future—is worth it. Join us in supporting our 2022 legislative priorities. There is no equitable economic recovery without child care.

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## **SB 2700: Improving the Early Childhood Workforce Registry**

We don't know enough about our local ECE workforce to plan for expansion of early care and learning. This measure would give us the data we need to make informed decisions.

## **SB 2701: Retaining and Recruiting Early Childhood Educators**

We're seeing more ECEs leave for higher-paying jobs outside of early childhood and fewer people entering the profession—which means fewer seats for children. Low compensation for child care workers has plagued the profession from the beginning. A program to increase compensation for child care supports those in the workforce and keeps programs available and affordable for families.

## **HB 1939: Positions within the Executive Office on Early Learning**

Appropriates funding for 2 FTEs within EOEL to enhance the capacity and resources of the office. These positions are necessary for the office to continue expanding its quality public prekindergarten program.

## **HB 1999: Funding for the Preschool Open Doors Program**

Restores funding for the state's child care subsidy program that serves working families who do not qualify for federal child care assistance.

## **HB 2000: Funding for the Preschool Facilities**

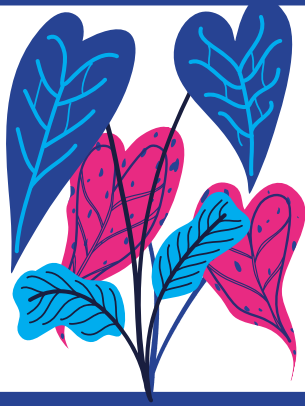
Appropriates funding to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

## **HCR 69/ HR 62; SCR 53/SR 48**

Designating The Month Of September 2022 As Child Care Provider Appreciation Month.

## **HR 93; SCR 217/SR 210**

Requesting The Early Learning Board To Prepare A Report Containing A Road Map, Including Proposed Legislation, For The Implementation Of Act 46, Session Laws Of Hawaii 2020.



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## Community Members

Aloha United Way

Kama'aina Kids

American Heart Association Hawai'i Division

Kamehameha Schools

Early Childhood Action Strategy

Kia ika ike Directors

Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists

Parents and Children Together

Hawai'i Children's Action Network

People Attentive to Children (PATCH)

Hawai'i Community Foundation

Rainbow Schools

Hawai'i Intergenerational Network

Stepping Stones Academy

HE'E Coalition

Sunshine School

HiAEYC

## Government Partners (non-voting member)

Executive Office on Early Learning

Hawai'i State Public Charter School  
Commission

Hawai'i Department of Health

Head Start State Collaboration Office

Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education