Legislative Priorities 2022

Healthy and Welcomed Births
- SB2634, 2746, 2176 / HB1773, 1600
  - Postpartum Medicaid Coverage - Extends Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months

Safe, Secure, and Nurturing Families
- SB2485, 3099 / HB2406, 1507, 2131
  - Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - Makes Hawaii’s EITC refundable and permanent (currently has a sunset date)
- SB2643 / HB2465
  - Referrals to Child Protective Services (CPS) - Eliminates automatic referrals to CPS when a restraining order is sought by a survivor of partner abuse
- SB2482
  - Early Childhood Wellness - Establishes a temporary Office of Wellness and Resilience to identify and address issues and implement solutions to improve

On-track Health and Development
- SB2024, 1141SD1 2022, 1140SD1
  - Vision and Hearing Screening - Supports efforts to increase the early identification of newborns and young children with hearing and vision loss

Accessible and Quality Early Care and Learning
- SB2701 / HB1940
  - Retaining and Recruiting Early Childhood Educators - Creates a program to increase child care wages and makes an appropriation into the Early Educator Stipend fund
- SB2700 / HB2193
  - Improving Workforce Data - Requires annual data collection on the child care workforce
- SB2702
  - Increasing Opportunities in Early Childhood - Creates a dedicated funding stream to support early childhood programs, restores funding to the Preschool Open Doors Program, and supports early childhood apprenticeship programs
- SB2038
  - Early Learning Board - Expands membership on the Board to provide representation for each County

Vivian Eto
Strategy and Project Management Lead
vivian@ecashawaii.org

Last Updated Feb 14, 2022

www.HawaiiActionStrategy.org