



Legislative Priorities 2022

Healthy and Welcomed Births

SB2634, 2746, 2176 /
HB1773, 1600

Postpartum Medicaid Coverage - Extends Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months

SB623 / HB249

Reproductive Health Equity Act - Requires insurers to cover the full range of sexual and reproductive health care with no cost-sharing, and protects privacy of minors/dependents

SB 2401 / HB1754

Medicaid Dental Benefits - Restores adult Medicaid dental benefits

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

SB2306 / HB1741

Children and Families of Incarcerated Individuals - Improves visitation hours at State operated correctional facilities for children and families of incarcerated individuals

SB2831

Neonatal/Paid Family Leave - Extends paid leave and job protection benefits to families in which delivery requires hospitalization of the baby and mother

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

SB2211

Sugar-Sweetened Beverages - Imposes a fee on sugar-sweetened beverages and creates a special fund to support obesity and chronic disease prevention

SB2482

Early Childhood Wellness - Establishes a temporary Office of Wellness and Resilience to identify and address issues and implement solutions to improve

HB1941

Community Schools - Expands implementation of the full-service community schools approach, to support more school/hub-based coordination of relationships and resource

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

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