

Legislative Priorities 2022 Update

Healthy and Welcomed Births

| HIGHEST PRIORITIES | |
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| SB2634 SD1 HD1 | Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Extension: Extend Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months Update: funded in the State Budget HB1600 with \$5.8M allocation. 2.4M general and 3.4 federal |
| SB1294 SD2 HD1 | Restoring Adult Medicaid Dental Benefits Update: 8.8M general funds and 17.1M in federal funds |
| SECONDARY PRIORITIES | |
| SB2282 | Abortion statute clean up bill |
| HB 1697 | Relating to Sex Education |
| SB2641 SD2 HD1 | Community-based Furlough Programs; Residential Drug Treatment; Appropriation Update: Appropriation of \$200,000 for 1 year |
| RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST | |
| HCR9/SCR62 | Relating to: Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) |

Safe, Secure and Nurturing Families

| HIGHEST PRIORITIES | |
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| HB2510 | Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): Makes Hawaii's EITC refundable and permanent and increases the minimum wage to \$18/hr by 2028. Hawaii leading the nation in state mandated minimum wage increase. Still have to file a return to receive the EITC. VITA program is a viable pathway to support. Update: Passed with appropriations. EITC will assist approximately \$100,000 low-income families. |
| HB1741 | Children and Families of Incarcerated Individuals: Improves visitation hours at State operated correctional facilities for children and families of incarcerated individuals Update: Allocation of \$305K for DHS and 115K for PSD |
| HB2465/SB2643 | Referrals to Child Protective Services: Eliminates automatic referrals to CPS, which can be a deterrent to parents seeking protection, when a restraining order is sought by a survivor of partner abuse |
| SB2831 | Neonatal Paid Family Leave: Neonatal leave that extends paid leave and job protection benefits to families in which delivery requires an antepartum hospital stay by a mother and a hospitalization of the baby |
| SECONDARY PRIORITIES | |

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| SB2397 | Mandated DV Training: Mandated DV training for Best Interest Fact Finders and Custody Evaluators in family court cases with domestic violence |
| HB2414 | End of Diaper Tax and Diaper Stipend: An end to a tax on diapers and other essential items (such as period products) would be a benefit to all of our families in Hawaii. This would also allow for our families in need to get the most of their stipend if passed. |
| SB2395 | Coercive Control: coercive control and litigation abuse by a parent of a child to the list of factors to be considered by the court in determining what constitutes the best interest of the child when awarding custody |
| SB3111 | DHS Family Resource Centers: to establish a Family Resource Center pilot program and a FTE Family Resource Center Coordinator position as well as the appropriation of funds Update: \$300,000 appropriation |
| ALSO TRACKING | |
| HB 1932 | DHS Child welfare service IT case management: Requires the department of human services' child welfare services branch to develop a modern case management software solution that is compatible with existing child welfare technology Update: Appropriation of \$80,000 |
| HB2424 | Expands DHS investigative authority: Requires DHS to analyze and report on the impact of expanding home visits to families receiving adoption assistance or legal guardianship assistance. Establishes the Malama Ohana working group to seek, design, and recommend transformative changes to the State's child welfare system. Appropriates funds to increase the procurement of contracted services to provide additional support, resources, and monitoring of families receiving benefits from the State's adoption assistance and permanency assistance programs. Put in a clause that the money doesn't lapse. Stretch to FY28 Update: Appropriation of 8M |
| HB2233 | TANF subsidy: Authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide additional rental housing assistance subsidies to landlords of up to \$500 per month to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF) program participants who are participating in the First-To-Work program. Update: Passed with appropriation |

On-track Health and Development

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| HIGHEST PRIORITIES | |
| HB986 | Newborn Hearing Screening: Efforts to increase the early identification of newborns and young children with hearing and vision loss |
| HB987 | Vision and Hearing Screening Program: 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 efforts to prevent obesity and chronic disease |
| SB2482 | Early Childhood Wellbeing: Establishes a temporary Office of Wellness and Resilience within the Office of the Governor. By 2024 it will go over to DOH. Update: \$894,528 allocation to include six full-time FTE positions and two contracted consultants for FY 2022-2023 |

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| HB1941 | Community Schools: Expands implementation of the full-service community schools approach, to support more school/hub-based coordination of relationships and resources |
| SECONDARY PRIORITIES | |
| SB2564 | Asthma Friendly Schools: Authorizes the department of education to offer optional asthma self-management instruction to students. Requires the department of education to provide mandatory asthma training to teachers and other department employees who interact with students. Effective 7/1/2050. |
| HB1600 | Early Intervention Services Support: Adds funds to the EIS budget to support keiki with special needs from birth to age three. Update: \$3.6M allocation for EIS services plus additional positions |
| ALSO TRACKING | |
| SB2857 | Child Wellness Incentive Pilot; \$50 for well-child exam to Medicaid recipients Update: Appropriation of 4.5M |

Accessible and Quality Early Care and Learning

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| HIGHEST PRIORITIES | |
| SB2701 | Retaining and Recruiting Early Childhood Educators: Creates a child care worker wage program to increase wages and makes an appropriation into the Early Educator Stipend fund |
| SB2700 | Improving Workforce Data: Requires annual data collection on the child care workforce to better understand how to improve and grow the field Update: Appropriation of \$80K |
| 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 |
| SECONDARY PRIORITIES | |
| SB2564 | After-School Programs: Expands the reach and quality of afterschool programs by increasing the funding for these programs |
| SB2820 | Teacher Compensation: Appropriates funds for teacher differentials to help address various labor shortages, including rural, special ed, and Hawaiian language medium areas |
| ALSO TRACKING | |
| HB2000 | Preschool Facilities: Appropriates moneys to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities. <i>Can only be State and private funds</i> Update: \$200M appropriated |
| HB1999 | Preschool Open Doors: Appropriates moneys to the Department of Human Services for the preschool open doors program |
| SB3110 | DHS Child Care Grant Programs: Renames the Preschool Grant Program Special Fund to the Child Care Grant Program Special Fund, authorizes the Child Care Grant Program Special Fund to be used to give grants to child care facilities, adds federal funds as one of the fund sources for the Child Care Grant Program Special Fund. <i>Can only be State and private funds</i> |
| HB1600 | State Budget: DHS subsidy admin, POD, EOEL admin and public preschool provisions Update: 25 DHS positions and EOEL \$100K <i>appropriation ceiling</i> for early educator stipends approved; \$6.96M for POD, cut last FY, restored with General funds |

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| HB1939 | EOEL Capacity: Appropriates funds for two positions in the executive office on early learning to enhance capacity and resources of the office |
| RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST | |
| SCR34/SR30 | Early Learning Board: Requesting the early learning board to evaluate and report to the legislature regarding the board's composition and charter and to develop a strategic plan |
| SCR217/SR210 HR93 | Act 46 Implementation Planning: 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 |
| SCR53/SR48 HCR69/HR62 | Child Care Appreciation Month: Designating the Month of September 2022 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Month |
| SCR13/SR7 | UPK Feasibility Study: Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to Conduct a Study On The Feasibility Of The State Establishing A Universal, No-Cost Pre-Kindergarten Program |