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**Date:** 04/01/2015  
**Time:** 01:30 PM  
**Location:** 211  
**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 0820, HD2, SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes the executive office on early learning prekindergarten program to be administered by the executive office on early learning and provided through department of education public schools and public charter schools. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education recognizes the importance of early childhood education, as well as its impact upon our children's future outcomes and the state's economic growth. We offer the following comment.

Students who are eligible to participate in the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) pre kindergarten program, do not require a geographic exception in order to attend a pre kindergarten program outside of their geographic area. Therefore, we respectfully request that the language regarding geographic exceptions in this measure (p.19, lines 11-17, Section 2 (b)) be stricken from HB 820, HD2, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE**  
**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2015

TIME: 1:30 PM

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 211

TITLE OF BILL: HB820 HD2 SD1, RELATING TO PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION

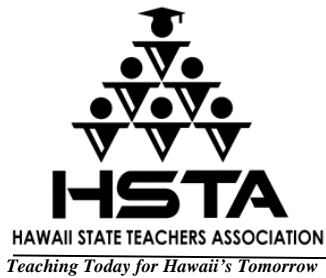
PURPOSE OF BILL: Establishes the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning and provided through Department of Education public schools and public charter schools. (HB820 HD2 SD1)

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) supports HB820 HD2 SD1 to establish a pre-kindergarten program in partnership with the department of education and Hawaii charter schools so that children in all Hawaii public schools may be served.

The HTSB also believes that early childhood classrooms should be staffed by professionally trained, early childhood licensed teachers and encourages the Executive Office on Early Learning and Hawaii Educator Preparation Programs to work together to provide adequate numbers of trained teachers for all early childhood classrooms in Hawaii public schools.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

RE: HB820, HD2, SD1 – ESTABLISH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY  
LEARNING

PERSON TESTIFYING: JOAN LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair Ron Kouchi and Members of the  
Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports H.B. 820, H.D. 2, SD1**  
relating to establishing the executive office on early learning prekindergarten program  
and providing it through the department of education public schools and public charter  
schools.

HSTA has long supported the position that, “early education programs should be  
provided through the public school system, including child development...and should be  
aimed at equipping the preschooler for a successful kindergarten experience. HSTA has  
been in support of this position since 1987.

HSTA supports the Executive Office on Early Learning Pre-kindergarten Program,  
administered by the Executive Office on Learning; provided through the Department of  
Education public schools and public charter schools.

HSTA **support of H.B. 820, H.D. 2, SD1**

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FOR:	HB820 HD2 SD1 Relating to Public Early Childhood Education
DATE:	Wednesday, April 1, 2015
TIME:	1:30 p.m.
COMMITTEE(S):	Senate Committee on Ways and Means
ROOM:	Conference Room 211
FROM:	Tom Hutton, Executive Director State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the intent of House Bill 820 HD2 SD1, "Relating to Public Early Childhood Education," which would establish an early learning prekindergarten program to be provided through the Department of Education schools and charter schools.

The Commission is in the process of administering a \$14.8 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Preschool Development Grants Program to support the creation of high-quality pre-kindergarten classrooms at 18 public charter schools across the state over the next four years. The grant focuses on providing pre-kindergarten to underserved communities with large low-income populations.

Over the years of implementing the grant, the Commission will need to work with the charter schools, private funders, the Legislature, and other stakeholders on sustaining this important effort beyond the life of the grant. To the extent HB820 promises to continue to build upon Hawaii's infrastructure for the delivery of early learning opportunities to Hawaii's keiki, it also offers a potential path to program sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 820 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 820 HD2 SD1, which establishes the executive office on early learning prekindergarten program to be administered by the executive office on early learning and provided through department of education public schools and public charter schools.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The establishment of the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning is another necessary and positive step in establishing a foundation for early learning programs in our state.

The Chamber believes that this measure must be in place to provide services to children before they enter kindergarten. Providing family child interaction learning programs as part of a mixed delivery early learning system is critical in ensuring school readiness of Hawaii's children prior to entering kindergarten.

Also, the Chamber strongly believes that focusing on early childhood is critical because brain development takes place by age five. We believe it is imperative to begin investing early in a child's life, when the brain is in this state of tremendous growth potential. In 2008, the Hawaii Economic Benefits Study of early education for Hawai'i showed that for every \$1 Hawai'i invests in a quality four-year early learning program, the state will receive a return of \$4.20. This is not only about return of investment, but in providing for our employees and their children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date of Hearing: 4-1-2015

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Conference Room 211

*Testimony of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Non-Profit Educational Organization  
Dedicated to the Revitalization of the Hawaiian Language*

HB820, HD2, SD1 Relating to Public Early Childhood Education:  
**SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is 'Ekekela Aiona, Executive Director of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo. The 'Aha Pūnana Leo is in **support** of HB820, HD2, SD1.

HB820, HD2, SD1 assures that both of the State's two official languages – English and Hawaiian – are given equal treatment and consideration in these two language medium pathways.

The 'Aha Pūnana Leo is the only statewide provider of early education through the medium of Hawaiian. As the State of Hawai'i sets up the Executive Office on Early Learning to administer its pre-kindergarten public education program in the Department of Education, the 'Aha Pūnana Leo looks forward to standards and assessments appropriate to Hawaiian medium education.

We are connected to a statewide P-20 Hawaiian Medium Education system. HB820, HD2, SD1 will provide the opportunity for our keiki to an education distinct to the unique linguistic advantages of an education through the medium of Hawaiian the year before (entering) papa mālaa'o (kindergarten) in Hawai'i's public Hawaiian Medium pre-k schools

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB820, HD2, SD1.

Mahalo,

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## Cover Sheet

**Testifying Agency:** Aloha United Way  
Cindy Adams, President & CEO

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.**

**Conference Room 211**

**HB 820, HD 2, SD1: Relating to Public Early Childhood Education: Testimony in Support**



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March 30, 2015

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair, Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice-Chair, Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 820 HD 2 SD 1 Relating to Public Early Childhood Education – **SUPPORT**  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 1, 2015; Room 211; 1:30 PM

Honorable Chairs & Committee Members:

Aloha United Way supports HB 820 HD 2 SD1 which establishes an Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program provided through the Department of Education and public charter schools.

HB 820 HD 2 SD 1 is important because it lays the foundation for a universal preschool program which will enable all of Hawaii's keiki to have a solid preschool experience prior to starting kindergarten.

Studies have proven that high-quality early childhood education programs have both short-term and long-term benefits for children, individuals, and society as a whole. HB 820 HD 2 SD 1 is the first step to provide parents with more access to these essential programs and also has the potential to alleviate financial burdens associated with early childhood education costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We urge your favorable consideration of HB 820 HD 2 SD 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cindy Adams  
President & Chief Executive Officer





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March 31, 2015

Chair Senator Tokuda and Ways and Means Committee members

Re: HB 820 HD 2 Early Childhood Education  
Testimony in Support  
Hearing on April 1, 2015

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support HB 820 HD 2 as we acknowledge that early education is one of the best investments a government can make. Educators know that a good start at the pre-K level will do a lot to boosting the performance of our children for the rest of their educational careers. A good early start to education also pays off in the long run via reduced suicide and crime rates and higher incomes. This is not a full program but is a critical start.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel  
President



Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Relating to House Bill 820 House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1  
Testifying in Strong Support

Aloha, Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii **strongly supports HB820 HD2 HD1 Relating to Public Early Childhood Education**, which Establishes the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) and provided through Department of Education public schools and public charter schools.

This bill is important because it helps lay the foundation for a universal preschool program, which will provide our keiki with a solid foundation for a lifetime of learning. Studies have proven that early childhood programs, like the one proposed in this bill, have immediate and long-term benefits for the children who participate in them, as well as our whole society.

We support the amendments made in Senate Draft 1, which clarifies that the EOEL will incorporate high quality standards that align with the Hawaii early learning and development standards, which align with Department of Education standards, state content and performance standards, and general learner outcomes for grades kindergarten to twelve rather than with Common Core standards. The Department of Education is given authority to grant geographic exceptions for children to attend pre-kindergarten outside their assigned service area, as the Department deems appropriate, and requires the Department to grant requests if the request is based on the employment location of the parent or guardian of the student. Lastly, language was added defining "underserved children."

We believe these additions strengthen the bill and the ultimate goal of providing a universal preschool program throughout the state. For all these reasons, we support HB820 HD2 SD1 and urge your support for its passage.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Stephanie Ohigashi  
Chairperson, Democratic Party of Hawai'i

And The Legislation Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

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April 1, 2015

TO: Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Honorable Ron, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director  
Good Beginnings Alliance

RE: **Support for HB 820 HD2 SD1: RELATING TO PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
Hearing April 1, 2015 at 1:30 PM, Conference Room 211

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Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) **supports HB 820, HD2 SD1**, which would establish the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten program as an autonomous attached agency to the Department of Education (DOE). GBA has been a strong supporter of efforts to expand access to early learning opportunities for almost 20 years. This bill will provide the foundation on which to continue to build the early education services our kids need and deserve.

Good Beginnings Alliance is Hawaii's leading independent, policy and advocacy non-profit organization on children's health, education and safety. We build a united voice to educate and advocate for Hawaii's children.

Last year, \$3 million was included in the supplemental budget to launch the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten program in 18 public elementary schools across the state. This authorizing legislation solidifies the program and allows for much needed expansion.

There is no debate that early learning opportunities have long lasting positive influence on children. We know, for example, that over 85 percent of a child's brain is developed by the age of five. Moreover, we know that almost 50 percent of Hawaii's four-year-olds receive little or no formal school readiness experience before entering kindergarten. Despite positive advances over the past two years, Hawaii still remains far behind other states in providing early childhood education. Ultimately, this means that our DOE system must devote time and resources to bringing these children up to speed with their counterparts who have had some form of early learning experience. By investing in our children early, we help save our DOE time and money.

This bill would also ensure that Hawaii is able to compete for federal funds for early learning programs. Most importantly, this bill would support thousands of families across Hawaii, who desperately want to send their keiki to preschool, but simply can't afford it.

GBA strongly supports the passage of this measure.

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair

April 1, 2015

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for HB820 HD2 SD1, which establishes the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning and provided through Department of Education public schools and public charter schools.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition has been a strong advocate for early learning since our inception in 2010. We have supported early learning legislation for the past few years, and have been particularly concerned about the late-born four year olds, who have not been able to attend public Kindergarten since the 2014-2015 year. Therefore, we support HB820 HD2 SD1, which establishes an early learning prekindergarten program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning. We like that the program focuses on four-year olds with priority to underserved or at-risk children. We also like that the program incorporates high quality standards and developmentally appropriate practices, which includes attention to family engagement, the foundation of our Coalition. Further, we are encouraged that the bill incorporates points on the program implementation, specifically, supporting teacher professional development, coordination with other agencies to support children and data collection to monitor the progress of the program.

Finally, we agree with HB820 HD2 SD1, which added language granting Geographic Exceptions for students attending schools with a Prekindergarten Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura  
HE'E Coalition Director

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After-School All-Stars Hawaii  
Alliance for Place Based Learning  
\*Castle Complex Community Council  
\*Castle-Kahuku Principal and CAS  
Coalition for Children with Special Needs  
\*Faith Action for Community Equity  
Fresh Leadership LLC  
Girl Scouts Hawaii  
\*Good Beginnings Alliance  
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation  
\*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice  
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars  
\*Hawai'i Charter School Network  
\*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition  
\*Hawaii State PTSA  
Hawai'i State Student Council  
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TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW  
Executive Director, PHOCUSED

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Conf. Rm. 211**

**Testimony in support of HB820 HD2 SD1, Relating to Public Early Childhood Education.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of HB820 HD2 SD1, which would establish the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program. PHOCUSED is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization that works together with community stakeholders to impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our community, including low-income families with young children in the home.

Education can provide a leveling of socio-economic impacts experienced by children from low-income families. These families are dealing with the challenges of Hawaii's high cost of living realities and are focused on providing the necessities, like food and housing. As a result children from low-income families are less likely to have the "extra" resources necessary to access high quality early childhood education programs. As studies have clearly shown, investing in a high-quality early childhood education will result in higher levels of educational attainment and stronger social and economic well-being. A strong start with early education provides a bridge to a different future for these children.

An Early Learning Prekindergarten Program would provide children in low-income families with access to high-quality educational programming that would otherwise be out of reach. Without this access children from low-income families are less likely to have the strong start to their education that will result in providing a bridge to a successful college experience/career that will change their family's financial/social tree for generations to come.

Once again, PHOCUSED urges your support for this bill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at [admin@phocused-hawaii.org](mailto:admin@phocused-hawaii.org).

April 1, 2015

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means

From: GG Weisenfeld

Wimmie Wong Lui

RE: HB 820 HD2 SD1 Relating to Public Early Childhood Education  
HB821 HD1 Relating to Early Childhood Education

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I, along with Wimmie Wong Lui, am presenting testimony in **support** of HB 820 HD2 SD1 Relating to Public Early Childhood Education and HB 821 HD1 Relating to Early Education. HB 820 HD2 SD1's purpose is to establish the Executive Office on Early Learning Prekindergarten Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning and provided through the Department of Education public schools and public charter schools. The purpose of HB 821 HD1 is to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Education and the Executive Office on Early Learning.

We are both private citizens who are interested in advancing early learning in our state.

We have previously testified in support of SB 844 which is a companion bill for HB 820. HB 820 HD2 SD1 is very similar to SB 844 SD2. There are a few differences in definitions and drafting, however both statutorily create the public pre kindergarten program that will be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning.

We are pleased with the EOEL Prekindergarten program that began serving children during the 2014-15 school year. The teachers have been able to implement high-quality standards, including using individual child assessments, engaging families, and aligning their curriculum with the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards, all of which are linked to positive child outcomes.

We believe that the Executive Office on Early Learning should administer the program with the services provided through the Department of Education public schools and charter schools. **We therefore support the public early childhood education program described in HB 820 HD2 SD1 and in SB 844 SD2.**

**With regards to HB 821 HD1** except for the defective effective date we support the HD1 draft.

We urge the committee to pass both bills so that the few differences between the House and Senate drafts can be resolved by a conference committee.

Thank you for your support in advancing early learning in Hawaii.

GG Weisenfeld

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