
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the positive
2 outcomes associated with early learning come only with high-
3 quality programs, a crucial element of which are qualified
4 educators. In addition to specialized coursework and training
5 in early childhood education, early learning educators, which
6 include both teachers as well as principals, require ongoing,
7 targeted professional development to implement high-quality pre-
8 kindergarten classrooms.

9 In its implementation of their public pre-kindergarten
10 program, the executive office on early learning brings together
11 educators, including principals, several times a year for face-
12 to-face professional learning with their peers. However,
13 educators in rural areas have expressed a feeling of isolation
14 upon returning to their classrooms. The legislature finds it is
15 critical to provide these educators with equitable access to
16 needed resources and regular collaboration with their peers and



1 mentors in a professional learning community to help improve
2 instruction and deliver a high-quality pre-kindergarten program.

3 The development and maintenance of an online platform by
4 the executive office on early learning will provide a tool
5 through which communication between early learning educators can
6 occur and can provide resources to these educators, including
7 recorded trainings and meetings, accessible on a continuing
8 basis, thus providing the permanency needed for an effective
9 online community of learners.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
11 executive office on early learning for an online platform to
12 facilitate professional learning for executive office on early
13 learning pre-kindergarten program educators.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for an
17 online platform to facilitate professional learning for
18 executive office on early learning public pre-kindergarten
19 program educators.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive
21 office on early learning for the purposes of this Act.




1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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H.B. NO. 2170

Report Title:

Executive Office on Early Learning; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Early Learning for an online platform to facilitate professional learning for Executive Office on Early Learning public pre-kindergarten program educators.

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