

Keiki Focus - Call to Action

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Keiki First Steps in Danger of Veto



Yesterday, Governor Lingle included [SB2878 CD1](#) (Keiki First Steps) on her Veto Watch List. The Keiki First Steps bill [[read more here about why the bill is so important](#)]

would create an Early Learning Council with the authority to develop and administer an early learning system across the state. Once started, the system would be supported by public and private resources.

SB2878 CD1 takes into consideration the findings and recommendations of the Act 259 Early Learning Educational Task Force. We believe now is the time to build on the momentum of the Task Force and pass this bill into law.

How You Can Help:

There is still a chance to get the bill passed. The Governor has until July 8th to decide not to veto and needs to know this bill is important to the citizens of Hawai'i.

Please **send an email** (sample below) to Governor Lingle today urging her *not* to veto the bill: governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Or call the Governor's office and leave a message of your support: 808-586-0034.

She needs to hear how we feel before July 8th!

We need as many people as possible to share their opinion with the Governor so please pass the word on to family, friends and co-workers.

Thank you. Together we can make a difference for our children's future.

Sample Email:



Dear Governor Lingle:

I support SB2878 CD1 - the Keiki First Steps bill.

It is important to me that Hawai`i's keiki have every chance for a bright future. Keiki First Steps is a landmark bill that would set Hawai`i in motion to join 40 other states with an early education system.

Please allow this bill to pass so the Early Learning Council can begin the important long range work of building a cohesive system to meet the needs of our children.

Hawai`i's keiki deserve it.

Thank you,

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