



## Keiki Focus

News

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### Still Going...

As we progress through the 2009 Legislative Session, there are still a number of bills with potential significance for young children and families. The following are some of the bills still alive that Good Beginnings Alliance is tracking:

SB1329 SD2 - Early Learning Council; Trust Fund / HB395 HD1 - Early Learning

[Senate Version \(SB1329 SD2\)](#): Authorizes the Hawaii Council of Mayors to name designees for their two representatives on the Early Learning Council; changes the name of the Keiki First Steps Trust Fund to the Early Learning Council Trust Fund and specifies that moneys in the trust fund shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

[House Version \(HB395 HD1\)](#): Requires any unexpended or unencumbered general fund appropriations designated for the State's early learning system to lapse into the Keiki First Steps Trust Fund.

SB1666 SD2 / HB739 HD2 - TANF Funds - Allocation of Expenditures

[Senate Version \(SB1666 SD2\)](#): Details how the legislature will spend TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funds, emphasizing child care services, work program contracts and related support services, the prevention of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, the purchase of service contracts for child protective services, information system maintenance, and administration costs. Transfers portions of TANF funds to the Social Services Block Grant and Child Care Development Fund.

[House Version \(HB739 HD2\)](#): Details how the legislature will spend TANF funds, emphasizing child care services, job training and related support services, the prevention of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, the purchase of service contracts for child welfare services, information system maintenance, and administration costs. Transfers portions of TANF funds to the Social Services Block Grant and Child Care Development Fund.

[HB1354 HD2 - Keiki Caucus; Healthy Start; Enhanced Healthy Start;](#)

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### [Appropriation](#)

Appropriates Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds and general revenue funds for the Healthy Start and Enhanced Healthy Start programs, to maintain current services, to hire additional staff and for provider training.

[HB989 - Keiki Care](#) Amends the Act 236, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, which established the Hawaii Children's Health Care Program, to extend the program for three more years and require that participants receive primary health care services at federally qualified health centers.

### [SB1679 SD2 - Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Appropriation; Education; Human Services; Health Programs](#)

Appropriates moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. Programs to be funded includes Healthy Start and Keiki Care.

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