



Hawaii Children's Action Network

2019 Hawaii Children's Policy Agenda Update

Economic Security and Equity

- Paid Family Leave study to be complete in 2019 [HB 32](#)
- Extending Family Leave to grandparents [HB 1343](#)
- Family Leave for survivors of domestic violence and their children [SB 1046](#)
- Expanding the existing Hawaii Dependent Care Tax Credit [HB 1193](#) and [SB 1014](#)
- Increasing the state minimum wage (both bills are roughly at \$15/hr) [HB 1191](#) and [SB 789](#)
- Allowing SNAP recipients to get double credit when using their benefits to purchase Hawaii-grown fresh produce [SB 390](#)
- Eliminate the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) tax loophole to increase revenue for affordable housing, schools, roads and other community needs [HB 475](#) and [SB 301](#)

Strengthening Hawaii's Families

- Resolution to form a working group on establishing visitation centers at correctional facilities [SR7](#) and [SCR7](#) Report and resolution adopted
- \$257,000 for Zero to Three Courts staff and program support. The individual bills died, but the request is part of [Judiciary's budget](#).
- Two staff positions for the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood [HB999](#)
- Banning the sale of flavored tobacco products in Hawaii [SB 1009](#)
- Requiring licensure for school psychologists (none of the bills made it out of committees)
- Requiring water or milk to be the default option in kids' meals [SB549](#)
- Establishing a licensing and regulatory process for midwifery [SB 1033](#)
- Requesting funding for the telehealth portal within DOH [SB1246](#)

- Identifying Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) as eligible for Developmental Disabilities services. HB381 died in committee and SB1010 as deferred

Child Safety and Welfare

- Bill clarifying that health insurance providers must cover clinical victim support services as a benefit of their plans [SB1036](#) and [HCR93/HR88](#)
- Eliminating status offenses for youth (i.e., truancy, runaway) [SB 1019](#)
- Making Erin's Law (sexual violence prevention program) available in schools, K-12. The bills were turned into Resolutions [HCR28/HR33](#) and [SCR 74/SR 52](#)
- Establishing a pilot housing program for homeless youth [SB1019](#)

Education & Childcare

- Funding EOEL preschool classroom expansion, the primary bills are [HB1527](#) and State Budget
- Expanding REACH afterschool program [SB 1515](#)
- Sustainable funding source to support our public schools: [SB 1474](#)
- Funding for Charter School Facilities: [HB 246](#) also included in the State Budget
- Funding to sustain 18 Charter School preschool classrooms multiple bills [HB 996](#), [HB 1526](#), [SB 78](#), [SB 967](#) and included in the State Budget)
- Funding for Transportation and Food Services for Charter Schools: [HB 730/SB 937](#) died in committee
- Adjust sliding scale for family childcare copays and child care provider reimbursement rates [SR5/SCR5](#) and [SR6/SCR6](#) died in committee