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The Hawai'i P-20 Initiative

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Joint Education Committees

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Four parts to the Hawai'i P-20 briefing:

- What is it?
- Why have it?
- How does it work?
- What's the connection to 2007 Legislative session?

I. What is it?

- A **voluntary** partnership, led jointly by the heads of the Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawai'i Department of Education and University of Hawai'i
- Functioning on two levels at once:
 1. a statewide advisory council
 2. "grassroots" community-based efforts
- Looking at education this way:
 1. with a focus on the learner, rather than the system through which the learner is passing
 2. with a lifelong spectrum
 3. starting with the end in mind: educated, caring, productive individuals

II. Why have it?

- The pipeline
- The achievement gap
- The realities of the twenty-first century global economy

III. How does it work?

- Public and private resources
- Five-year strategic plan
- Current emphases:
 - P-3
 - Access with Success (secondary and post-secondary)
 - Common "threads" connecting both

IV. Connection to 2007 Legislature?

- House Bills 767, 1012, 1013
- Senate Bills 608, 683, 688
- Others supported by P-20 partners (teacher training, student FA, etc)