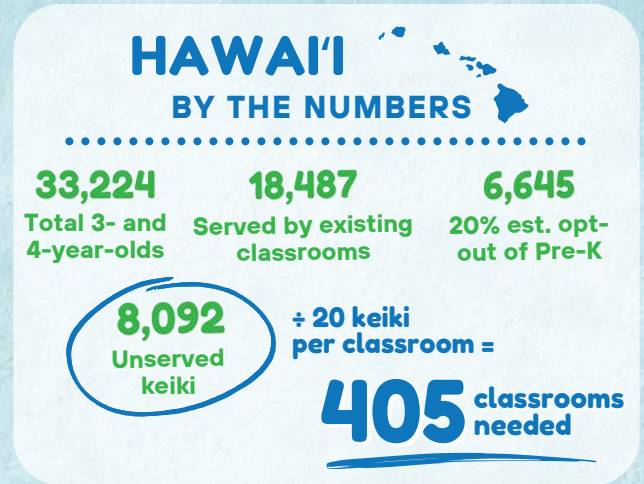




Ready Keiki is Hawai'i's statewide initiative to bring **universal access to preschool** for all 3- and 4-year-old 'keiki' (*children* in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i). The mixed-delivery approach focuses on expanding Pre-K seats – both public and private, increasing preschool and childcare subsidies, and supporting the early childhood workforce.



### 2020

The Hawai'i State Legislature enacted Act 46, a landmark measure that established the goal to expand preschool statewide by the year 2032.

### 2022

As Finance Chair, Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke led efforts to appropriate **\$200 million** to build and renovate facilities to expand access to preschool.

### 2023

Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke launched Ready Keiki, opening 11 tuition-free public preschool classrooms statewide and substantially expanding Pre-K and childcare subsidies.



#### Public Pathways

- Created 220 new public preschool seats under budget and ahead of schedule.
- Established an application option to form a Pre-K-only charter school.
- Introduced a plan to use the state's School Facilities Authority to build 40 new Pre-K classrooms per year beginning 2024.



#### Private Pathways

- Increased childcare subsidies funding from \$12 million to \$50 million.
- Expanded tuition subsidy eligibility and capped co-pays at 7% of family income.
- Set a plan to utilize Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reserves.



#### Workforce Pathways

- Scaled up the University of Hawai'i's (UH) Early Childhood Educator Stipend which has provided full & part-time tuition awards to 63 future teachers.
- Launched 150 full-tuition scholarships for an online bachelor's program designed for working adults interested in becoming educators.



#### Innovative Pathways

- Integrated preschool and childcare centers in new affordable housing developments across the state.
- Included two tuition-free Bezos Academy Montessori-inspired Pre-K classrooms in a state-funded housing project for working families.
- Added childcare facilities in a student/faculty housing project on UH campus.



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