





## **READY KEIKI: The Promise of Universal Access to Pre-K**



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## Why is preschool important?

-  Ensure that our keiki are ready for success when starting Kindergarten
-  Create economic stability for families who need a safe place for their keiki while they go to work



## Act 46 (2020)

Established goal to provide all keiki ages 3 and 4 with access to Pre-K enrollment by **2032**



## Act 257 (2022)

Appropriated **\$200 million** to expand access to Pre-K by:

-  Building new school facilities
-  Renovating existing facilities to increase preschool capacity



# Hawai'i Population of Underserved Pre-Kindergarten Keiki



**35,272** total 3 & 4-year-olds

**18,921** served by existing  
Pre-K classrooms

*Licensed Pre-K Providers: 17,978 seats*  
*Public Pre-K & Charters: 943 seats*

**7,054** 20% are estimated  
to opt-out of Pre-K

**9,297** underserved keiki

÷ 20 keiki per classroom =

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**465**

Classrooms Needed



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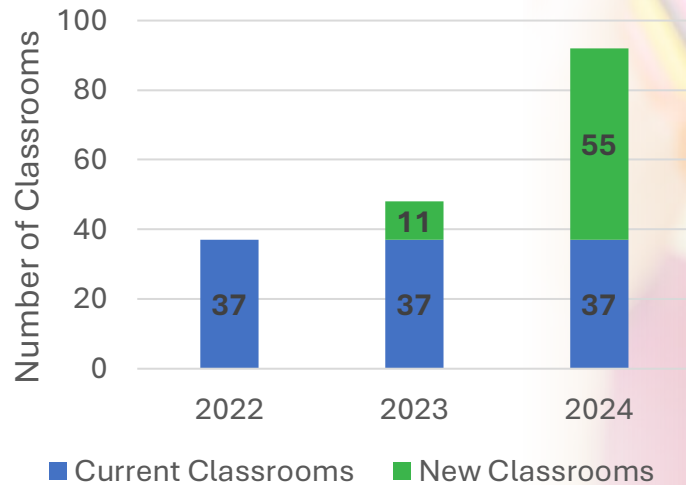
## Public Preschool



**First-Year Goal: Renovate & refurbish over 50 classrooms on elementary schools to new Pre-K classrooms**



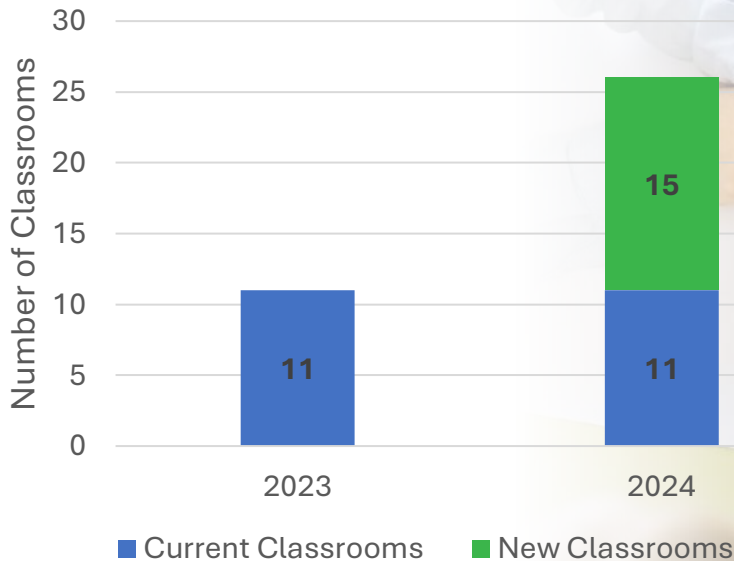
**Expand public preschool to serve 3-year-olds**





## Pre-K Charter Schools

- Expand Pre-K programs at existing Charter Schools
- Create application for new Pre-K Charter Schools



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## Preschool Open Doors Program

-  State child care payments for low-income families for 4-year-olds to attend licensed preschools
-  Increase child care rates from \$919 for accredited preschools & \$740 for non-accredited to \$1,200+
-  Expand to serve 3-year-olds
-  Leverage TANF funding for child care





## Workforce Pipeline

- ✎ Build Pre-K teaching classrooms on all state Universities and Community College campuses
- ✎ Build Pre-K classrooms on High School campuses, where students can earn Dual Credits toward a teaching degree
- ✎ Establish a Hawaiian Language Immersion Pre-K teaching pathway
- ✎ Create University of Hawai'i BA degree targeted toward Pre-K to 3rd Grade
- ✎ Implement the Early Childhood Educator Tuition Stipend Program



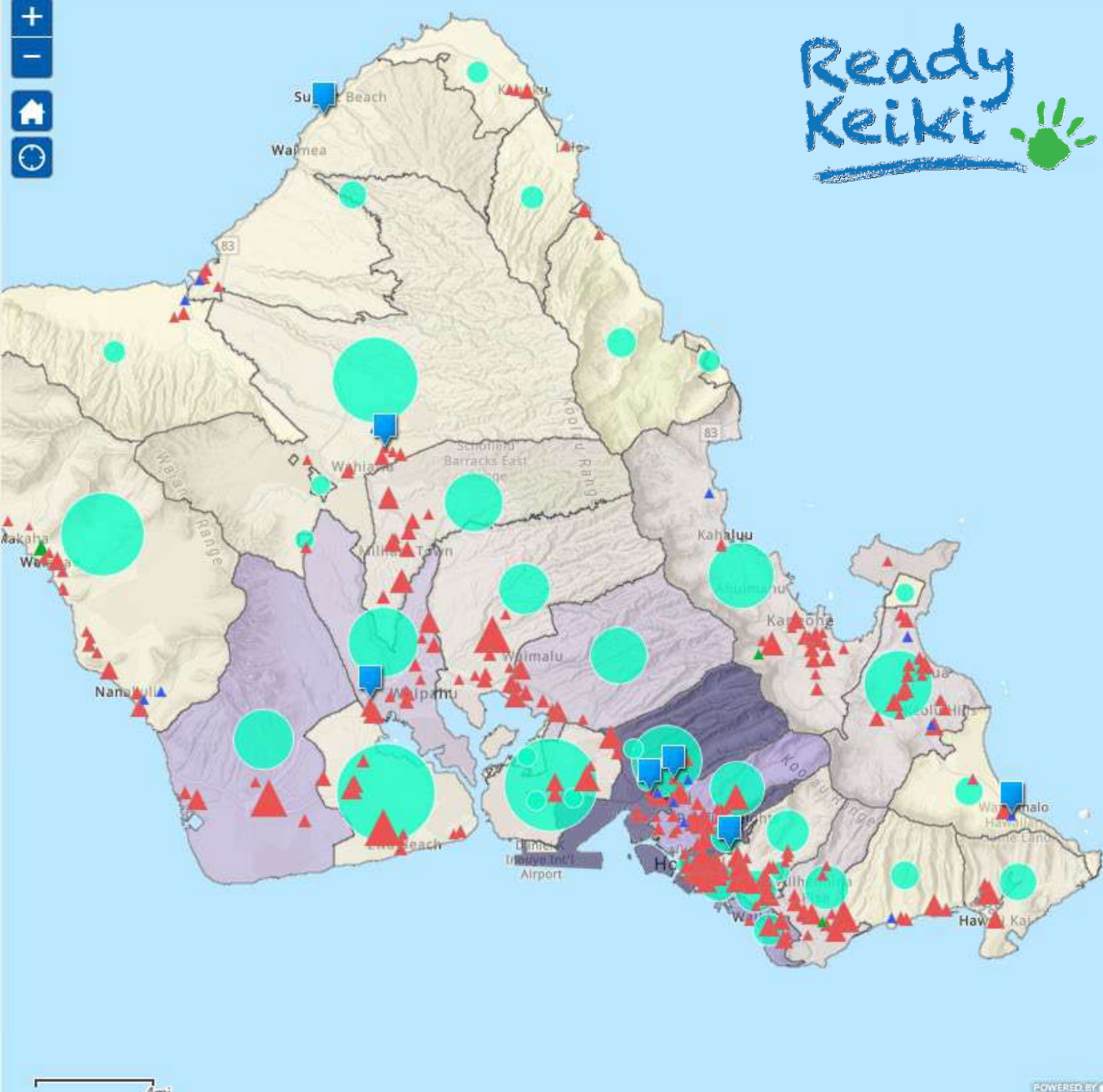




## Partnerships

-  **Build preschool classrooms at state libraries and housing developments**
-  **Purchase land to build new preschools near areas where parents work**
-  **Partner with counties to identify opportunities**
-  **Partner with businesses & nonprofits to support onsite early learning settings and afterschool care**





## Layer List

### Capacity

- > 236
- 180
- 120
- 60
- < 0

Where are the three- and four-year-olds?

### Three- and Four-Year-Olds Count by Zipcode (2021)

- > 2,375
- 1,800
- 1,200
- 600
- < 0

Where are the jobs?

### Jobs Count by Zipcode (2019)

- > 64,031
- 48,023
- 32,016
- 16,008
- < 0