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CHILDREN IN HAWAII SET TO LOSE CHILD CARE DUE TO CHILD CARE CLIFF

Beginning September 30, 2023, states will face a steep dropoff in federal child care investment. Without Congressional action, this cliff will have dire consequences. More than three million children are projected to lose access to child care nationwide. Seventy thousand child care programs are likely to close. This will have ripple effects for parents forced out of work or to cut their work hours, for businesses who will lose valuable employees or experience the impact of their employees' child care disruptions, and state economies that will lose tax revenue and jobs in the child care sector as a result.

Congress should act quickly to protect Hawaii's children, families, and communities from the higher costs, reduced earnings, and productivity loss that will come with going over the child care cliff.

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“Stabilization grants helped us retain staff until we could rebuild enrollment. But we are now seeing staff leave for better paying jobs. There are limits to what families can afford for child care, and appropriate pay for educators cannot be balanced with child care fees for families.”

CHILD CARE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

5,903



Without intervention, **5,903** children in Hawaii are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

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128 child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.

\$19 MILLION



Hawaii parents will lose **\$19 million** in earnings as a result of being forced to cut work hours or leave the workforce.

As children and families feel these consequences, so will state economies. The loss of the federal funds will mean:

\$19.3 \$1.2 MILLION MILLION

less in employer
productivity

less in state
income tax

870 CHILD CARE JOBS



Finally, the child care sector has been far behind the rest of the economy in recovering jobs post-pandemic. We hear stories around the nation about child care classrooms having to close because there are not enough early educators. An additional **870 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Hawaii, at a minimum.

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