

HB 2054 fine tunes the use of Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation, or KPI, funds. These funds come to local communities through the early learning hubs. In Multnomah County we already meet the new conditions in the bill. Our hub invests KPI funds in culturally specific organizations like IRCO to place P3 Coordinators at elementary schools. These staff welcome families with young children into the school community, improve kindergarten transitions and assist schools with culturally relevant family engagement. The P3 Coordinator program, along with the KPI work of the Blue Mountain hub, has received positive national reviews, the link for which can be provided upon request. Education leaders in Milwaukee, WI heard about our work, asked us for TA and then wrote a federal grant to establish P3 Coordinators within their school districts. They just received that grant and we were able to celebrate with them via zoom. The P3 Coordinator program was the brain child of extensive community conversations and we would like to see it continue through KPI funds. We are supportive of HB 2054.