

## **Assembly Committee on Human Services Toolkit** **Wednesday, April 7, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.**

**([Watch the live hearing](#))/Call-in Number: (phone number) (PIN:)**

### **Advocacy Toolkit**

Black Men for Educational Equity (BMEE), Kidango and the Santa Clara County Office of Education has created the following advocacy toolkit for Human Services to be held on [Wednesday, April 7, 2021](#).

Working closely with education leaders, education advocates, and partners across the state, the toolkit outlined below aims to achieve three goals:

1. Provides call-in instructions to view and participate in the hearing.
2. Talking points on message for those that plan to participate.
3. Social media toolkit to educate and inform stakeholders about addressing inequities in the early learning and care system.

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### **Call-in Information for Providing Public Comment**

We strongly encourage education leaders and education advocates to call in. Virtual public comment systems are evolving, here are instructions for providing public comment based on recent experience:

1. Once the hearing has started, call in to the virtual hearing by using the phone number and pin provided by the committee.
  - o NOTE: Call in information has not been made available by the Assembly Human Services Committee. An email with a revised toolkit will be sent in advance of the hearing with the phone number and pin.
2. If you want to provide public comment at the end of the panel discussion, you will need to dial 10 to be put in the public comment que.
3. The operator will assign you a line number.
4. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear the operator say, "Line number 123 your line is open."
5. Once the operator cues you, unmute your phone or device and begin speaking.

- o **NOTE:** You should be able to hear the hearing on the phone line and will be about 20-30 seconds ahead of the livestream on the computer, so if you have it streaming on your computer, please make sure you mute your computer before you speak.

## Talking Points/Messaging

Public comment will be limited to approximately one minute. Please feel free to use these talking points to guide your remarks:

- **Thank you, Madame Chair, and members of the Committee on Human Services. My name is [name] [calling today on behalf of [name of organization located in XX]]. I am a strong supporter of AB 1361 because there is ambiguity and lack of clarity around laws and regulations within the early learning and care settings.**
- National data indicates children are expelled, suspended, and counseled out of early learning and childcare programs at much higher rates than in K-12 education. African American, Indigenous and Latino children, especially boys, are disproportionately impacted by this detrimental practice.
- When children are excluded from early learning and care settings, they miss out on the opportunity to develop key social, emotional, and academic skills. AB 1361 helps mitigate this practice.
- Too often preschoolers and toddlers, especially children of color are pushed out of early learning settings, thus negatively impacting their lives, and increasing their risk of future criminalization. **[SHARE YOUR STORY ABOUT HOW CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY DISMISSED OR MARGINALIZED IN EARLY ED].**
- AB 1361 is long overdue. Thank you, Assemblywoman Rubio, for bringing this bill forward. I strongly support AB 1361.
- AB 1361 clearly defines expulsion and suspension in preschool and childcare settings serving children 0-5 that contract with the state, eliminating exclusionary practices.
- AB 1361 helps address structural inequities in our early childhood education system by severely reducing suspensions and expulsions, and by providing needed support to staff.
- By acting against implicit and explicit factors causing students to miss time from the early learning and care setting benefits the entire community socially and economically for decades to come by ultimately keeping kids in the school system and out of the juvenile and prison system.

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## Providing Written Public Comment

If you cannot provide virtual call-in public comment, committees continue to accept written comments too. For this hearing, feel free to use the above talking points to submit email testimony. The public can submit written testimony before the hearing to **(need to add email address)**. Please note that any written testimony submitted to the committee is considered public comment and may be read into the record or reprinted. The email format can either be formal paragraphs or informal bullets like the testimony talking points above.

## Social Media

Below are some sample posts for you to use during or after the post hearing that highlights the impact telehealth has had in your community. Here are some sample social media posts:

*Do not forget to use the hashtag **#BlackStudentsMatter**, **#AllStudentsMatter**, #DLLstudentsmatter **#SchoolsNotPrisons**.*

### Human Service Committee Members Twitter Handles:

**@AsmLisaCalderon** (chair)

**@drarambulaAD31**

**@AsmVillapudua**

**@AsmLaurieDavies** (Vice  
Chair)

**@AsmMikeGipson**

**@AsmChrisWard**

**@AsmMarkStone**

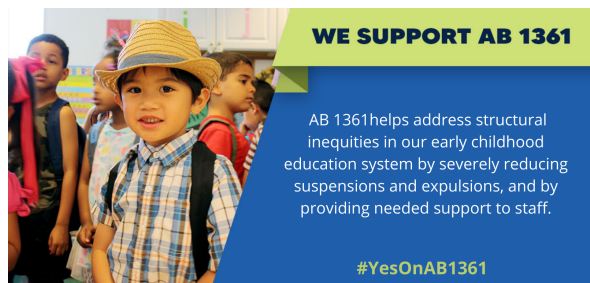
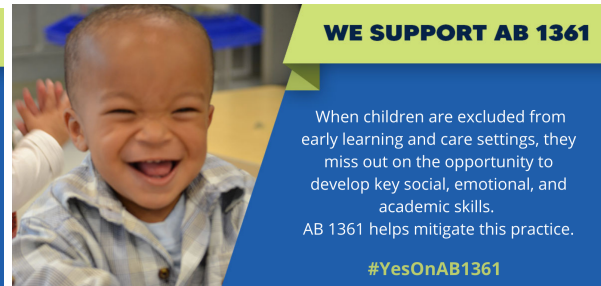
**@CAgovernor**

## Sample Social Media Posts & Graphics


	Sample Post #1	Sample Post #2	Sample Post #3	Graphic
Twitter	{Tag Human Services cmte member} Education is one of the most critical issues impacting the future of our children and our nation. It is the key driver in addressing the fundamental issues of equity, individual achievement, and economic growth. #BlackStudentsMatter #SchoolsNotPrisons #DLLstudentsmatter #YesOnAB1361 #AllStudentsMatter	{Tag Human Services cmte member} Expulsions in early childhood education vastly outnumber those in K-12. That needs to change immediately. AB 1361 will address this issue by keeping preschool and childcare providers accountable. #YesOnAB1361 #BlackStudentsMatter #StudentsOfColorMatter #DLLstudentsmatter #AllStudentsMatter #SchoolsNotPrisons	{Tag Human Services cmte member} AB. 1361 builds equitable learning environments for all students and eliminates exclusionary practices that contribute to the preschool to prison pipeline that seriously harm student outcomes. #YesOnAB1361 #BlackStudentsMatter #DLLstudentsmatter #StudentsOfColorMatter	See below.

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[Social Media Images can be downloaded here.](#)







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