

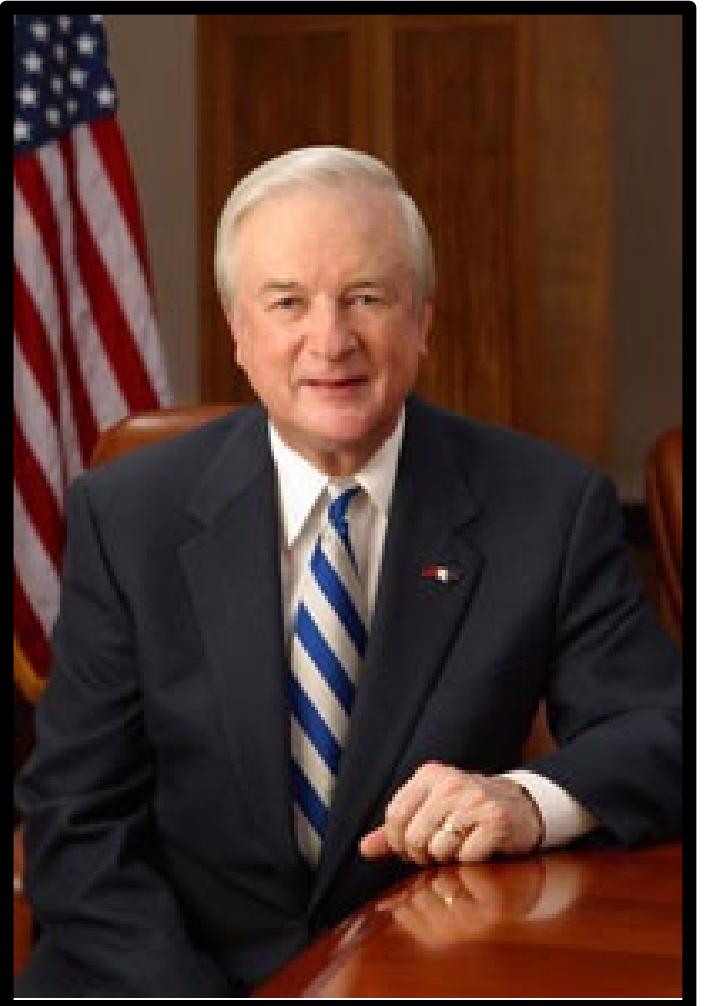


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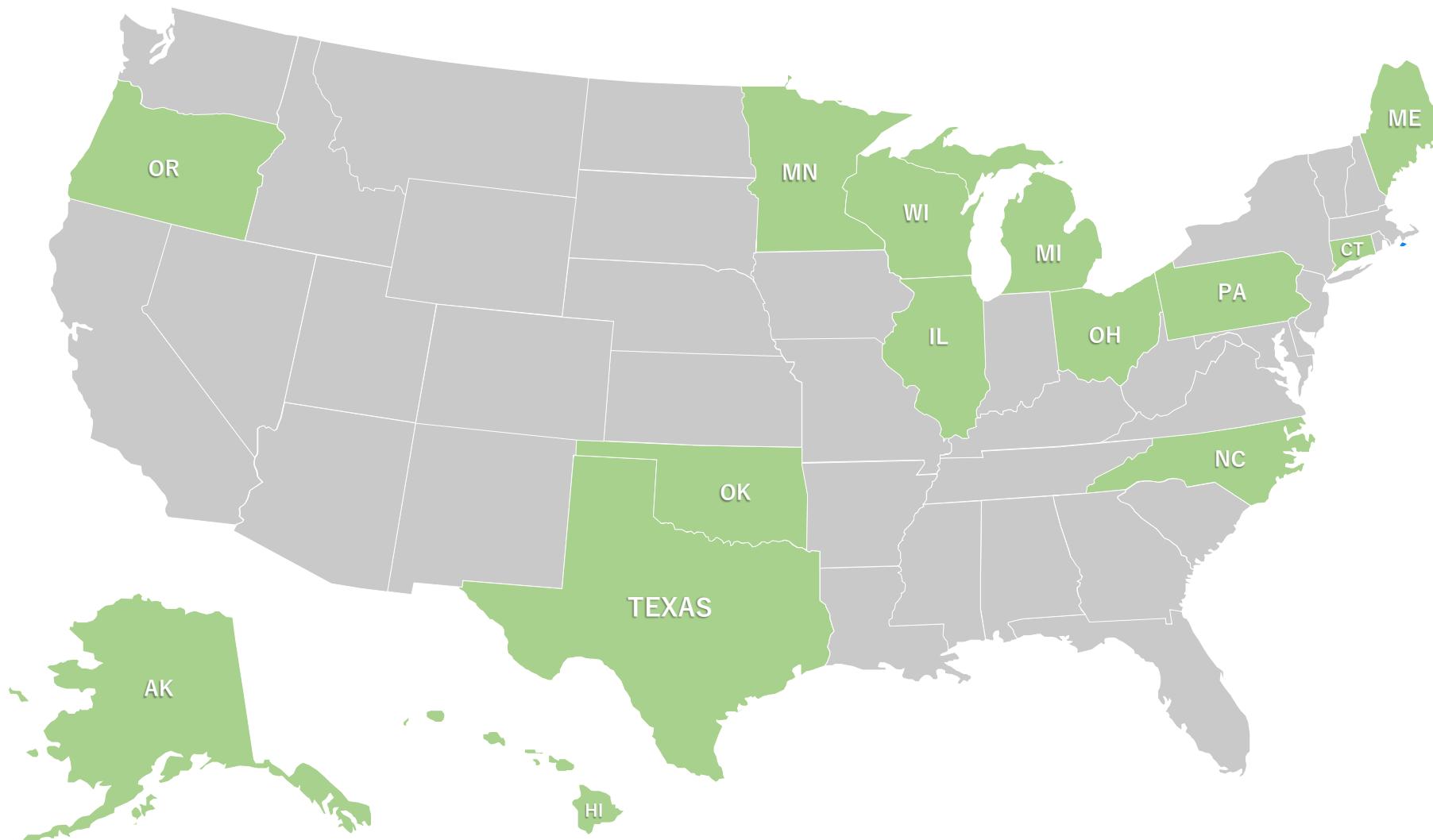
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- Established in 2001 by four-term North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt.
- The Institute works with bipartisan senior-level state elected leaders across the nation to design strategy, shape policy, and drive educational improvements across the education continuum (prenatal – post secondary).

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Lesson #1: Think about longevity

**Bipartisan
Bicameral
Committee Representation
Shared Ownership**



Lesson #2: Identify Staffing and Set Realistic Meeting Schedule

**Legislative Staff is Ideal, But Not Necessary
Tap Respected Non-Profit Partners/Agency Staff**

Members are often too busy to carry this responsibility personally.

Identify a realistic meeting schedule and stick to it. 5



Lesson #3: Identify Your Purpose

Will the Caucus endorse/push specific legislation?

Serve as an educational venue for members?

Hold public hearings?



Most early childhood caucuses are primarily educational venues. This does not make them ineffective.

Caucuses sometimes become standing committees. (Oregon)



Hawaii's Keiki Caucus

Created in 1994

130 state legislators, community advocates, department and agency leaders, and individuals

Holds annual bill hearings

- Members create and endorse an annual legislative package, typically consisting of 5-6 priority bills.**



Supports from The Hunt Institute

Early Childhood “Caucus Caucus”

Virtual hosting/staffing supports

Annual Early Childhood Leadership Summits

Ongoing technical assistance/connections to peers



Questions?

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