



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **536**

April 24, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 24, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2347 SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY  
APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH FOR THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES  
DIVISION.  
(ACT 19)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
FOR THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the  
5 department of health for healthy start services for the period  
6 beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, the department  
7 of health has a critical need for additional funds.

8 On May 31, 2005, the State of Hawaii was deemed in  
9 compliance with the Felix Consent Decree, marking the end of  
10 federal court oversight for services including early  
11 intervention services. The department of health must continue  
12 to carry out its obligations to provide early intervention  
13 services for children age zero to three years with developmental  
14 delays or biological or environmental risks, as mandated by Part  
15 C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education  
16 Improvement Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-446), sections 321-351 to 321-  
17 357, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the Hawaii early intervention



1 state plan. The department must ensure that eligible children  
2 and their families receive the services mandated by the  
3 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act Part C  
4 that are identified on their individual family support plans.

5 Appropriated funds will be expended before the end of this  
6 fiscal year, due to a decrease in funding for healthy start  
7 purchase-of-service programs for home visiting services. These  
8 purchase-of-service programs provide support services to  
9 families at risk, to assure healthy and safe child development.  
10 To continue services at the present level, an additional  
11 \$1,000,000 from the early intervention special fund is needed.  
12 The current ceiling for the early intervention special fund is  
13 \$4,203,974 for fiscal year 2005-2006. This measure will  
14 increase the ceiling by \$1,000,000 to \$5,203,974.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the early  
16 intervention special fund the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006, to be  
18 used for healthy start purchase-of-service programs for home  
19 visiting services.

20 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
21 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

22 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

S.B. No. 2347, S.D. 1


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: March 7, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate


**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: April 11, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Speaker, House of Representatives



Clerk, House of Representatives