
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.



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Report Title:

Services for Children; Emergency Appropriation

Description:

Emergency appropriation (\$1,000,000) in Early Intervention Special Fund monies for FY 2005-2006 for the DOH Healthy Start Program. (SD1)

