
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services shall
2 establish a pilot project to develop and operate facilities
3 statewide to assist at-risk children up to thirteen years-of-age
4 from low-income households. The department may contract with a
5 nonprofit organization to establish the pilot project.

6 (b) The department of human services shall collaborate
7 with the department of education, department of health, and any
8 other appropriate state agencies to evaluate and inventory
9 existing nonschool-hour programs and services to avoid
10 duplication with the pilot project.

11 (c) The pilot project shall:

12 (1) Assist children whose physical, emotional, mental,
13 social, or educational well-being is in imminent
14 danger;

15 (2) Provide a safe environment that promotes health and
16 nutrition; and

17 (3) Provide emergency care and social and educational
18 services.



- 1 (d) The pilot project shall develop programs to:
- 2 (1) Provide medical check-ups for homeless children upon
- 3 arrival at homeless shelters;
- 4 (2) Schedule educational activities within the shelter for
- 5 homeless children; and
- 6 (3) Provide shelter employees with training to address the
- 7 special needs of children.

8 The department of human services or the contracted organization
 9 may consult with the department of education, department of
 10 health, and any other appropriate state agencies to develop
 11 these programs.

12 (e) The pilot project may provide other services or
 13 develop other programs that provide assistance to homeless and
 14 low-income children and native Hawaiian children.

15 (f) The pilot project shall cease to exist on June 30,
 16 2011.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
 20 establish a pilot project for at-risk children from low-income
 21 households.

1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
6 establish a pilot project for at-risk children from low-income
7 households.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
9 Hawaiian affairs for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of temporary
11 assistance for needy families funds the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
13 establish a pilot project for at-risk children from low-income
14 households.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 human services for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

At-risk Children Pilot Project

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a pilot project to develop or contract to develop and operate programs to provide services and support for at-risk children from low-income families. Appropriates funds. (HB2027 HD1)

