
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Child abuse or neglect; unannounced departmental
5 inspection visits. (a) Beginning July 1, 2008, the department
6 shall be authorized to conduct one or more unannounced visits to
7 the parental home in which a child lives:

- 8 (1) If a member of the household in which the child lives
9 has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense
10 relating to child abuse or neglect against the child
11 or adjudicated for conduct that would constitute such
12 an offense under section 571-11(1); and
- 13 (2) When the child has been returned to that parental home
14 for at least three months but not more than six
15 months,
- 16 to conduct interviews and to inspect the conditions within the
17 parental home for signs or evidence of further actual or



1 potential child abuse or neglect, as defined in section 350-1 to
2 ensure the well being of the child.

3 (b) The inspector shall prepare a written report upon
4 completion of the interviews and inspection. If, in the opinion
5 of the inspector:

6 (1) The child is in imminent harm, the report shall be
7 referred for immediate action by the department;

8 (2) The inspection is inconclusive, a follow up inspection
9 shall be conducted no later than twenty-one days
10 thereafter; or

11 (3) The child is in no danger of harm or imminent harm, no
12 further action shall be taken.

13 (c) For purposes of this section, "convicted" means
14 judgment has been entered against a person on a verdict or a
15 finding of guilty, or on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere."

16 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a well child follow-
17 up visit pilot project within the department of human services
18 to provide for a well child visit with families who have been
19 investigated by child welfare services, pursuant to section 587-
20 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to ensure the continued safety and
21 well-being of the child, subject to the appropriation of general



1 funds for the pilot project. The pilot project shall apply to
2 both confirmed and unconfirmed cases of child abuse and neglect.

3 (b) The well child follow-up visit pilot project may
4 include conducting a well child follow-up visit for each child
5 in cases where physical or sexual abuse or neglect has been
6 alleged and investigated.

7 (c) The well child follow-up visit may be conducted no
8 earlier than six months, but within one year, after the
9 completion of the investigation.

10 (d) The department of human services or its designated
11 contractor shall provide well child follow-up visits, subject to
12 the appropriation of general funds for this pilot project, on a
13 case-by-case basis. The department may contract with an
14 appropriate entity to provide these services.

15 (e) The pilot project shall cease to exist on June 30,
16 2009. The department of human services shall submit a report on
17 the status of the pilot project to the legislature no later than
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
19 2009 and a final report no later than twenty days prior to the
20 convening of the regular session of 2010.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
2 well child follow-up visit pilot project.

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

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Child Abuse or Neglect; Unannounced Visits for Inspection

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Human Services to conduct unannounced visits to inspect a parental home in which a household member was convicted or adjudicated for certain offenses of child abuse or neglect. Establishes a Well Child Follow-up Visit Pilot Project. (HB2558 HD1)

