
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 576D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§576D- Investigations; misuse of child support. (a)

5 The agency shall receive and investigate complaints alleging
6 that a custodial parent has misused child support.

7 (b) Complaints of the misuse of child support may be filed
8 by:

9 (1) The child for whom the order of support is issued; or

10 (2) A guardian ad litem appointed by the court to protect
11 the interests of the child.

12 (c) Upon the filing of a complaint and for the duration of
13 an investigation by the agency, child support payments made by
14 the obligor shall be held in trust by the agency.

15 (d) The agency may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to
16 implement this section.



1 (e) For purposes of this section, "misuse of child
 2 support" means the use of child support for purposes other than
 3 as set forth in the order of support."

4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 6 begun before its effective date.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Child Support Enforcement

Description:

Authorizes the child support enforcement agency to receive and investigate complaints of the misuse of child support. Provides that complaints may be filed by the child for whom child support is ordered or by a guardian ad litem. Provides that child support payments shall be held by the agency during an investigation.

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