
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services shall
2 examine and evaluate the veracity, extent, and effect of the
3 following allegations of shortcomings of programs for adults
4 with special needs:

5 (1) One-to-one aides are not provided or are not paid to
6 assist adult individuals who require their support;

7 (2) Aides are not provided on Handi-Van transport vehicles
8 when transporting adults with special needs;

9 (3) Agencies do not accept adult individuals with special
10 needs who require one-to-one support services;

11 (4) Aides and caregivers for adults with special needs are
12 not required to obtain cardiopulmonary resuscitation
13 and first aid certification;

14 (5) Age appropriate programs are not required for adults
15 with special needs;


16 (6) Gender discretion is not considered for adults with
17 special needs;



- 1 (7) Continuing education for those individuals who may
- 2 benefit from it is not required;
- 3 (8) Ongoing training and continued support from a
- 4 behavioral specialist is not required; and
- 5 (9) Guidelines and provision of other support services
- 6 such as speech, occupational, and physical therapy are
- 7 not formalized.
- 8 (b) The director of human services shall report findings
- 9 and recommendations, including any necessary proposed
- 10 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
- 11 to the convening of the regular session of 2011.

12 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Adults with Special Needs; Department of Human Services

Description:

Requires department of human services to examine and evaluate the veracity, extent, and effect of certain allegations of shortcomings of programs for adults with special needs and report to the legislature. Effective upon approval.

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