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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 three-year pilot project to develop and operate
3 statewide emergency care, hanai ohana care, and specialized
4 learning facilities for endangered and disadvantaged children.
5 For the purposes of this Act and pursuant to Senate Concurrent
6 Resolution No. 189 (2004), the department shall cooperate with
7 Malama O Kamalii Makamae, a nonprofit organization devoted to
8 assisting needy children. In particular, the pilot project
9 shall focus on assisting native Hawaiian children younger than
10 thirteen years of age who are homeless or from low-income
11 households, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 189
12 (2007), and newborns abandoned in the State, pursuant to Act 7,
13 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.

14 (b) The pilot project shall assist children whose
15 physical, emotional, mental, social, or educational well-being
16 is in imminent danger. This assistance shall come in the form
17 of offering safe havens for children in crisis, supplying health



1 care and proper nutrition, and providing social and educational
2 services. Specifically, the pilot project shall:

3 (1) Offer medical examinations upon a child's arrival at a
4 safe haven or emergency facility;

5 (2) Schedule educational activities at safe havens or
6 emergency facilities; and

7 (3) Provide pilot project staff and Malama O Kamalii
8 Makamae employees with training to address the special
9 needs of the children. The department of human
10 services may consult with the department of health,
11 the department of education, or any other appropriate
12 agencies to develop and facilitate staff and employee
13 training.

14 (c) In addition to subsection (b), the pilot project may
15 provide services or develop programs that provide assistance to
16 homeless, low-income, and native Hawaiian children, as the pilot
17 project coordinators deem appropriate.

18 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
19 including chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department
20 of land and natural resources shall provide reduced lease rent
21 rates to the department of human services for parcels in



1 suitable locations to establish the pilot program consistent
2 with this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, and
4 shall be repealed on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes a pilot project to develop and operate statewide emergency care, hanai ohana care, and specialized learning facilities for endangered and disadvantaged children. Requires the State to lease land at a reduced rate to the department of human services for these purposes.

