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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

May 31, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

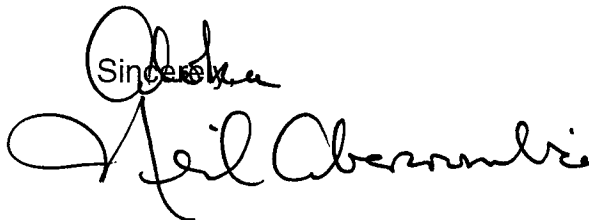
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 31, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

HB908 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOME VISITING
PROGRAM
ACT 091 (13)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 31 2013

ORIGINAL

ACT 091

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOME VISITING PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. On March 23, 2010, President Barack Obama
2 signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
3 of 2010, also known as the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148).
4 The Affordable Care Act added section 511 to title V of the
5 Social Security Act to create the Maternal, Infant, and Early
6 Childhood Home Visiting Grant program to support development and
7 implementation of evidence-based home visiting program models by
8 states and other eligible entities.

9 Home visiting is a prevention strategy used by states and
10 communities to improve the health and well-being of women,
11 children, and families at risk for adverse health and safety
12 concerns, including child abuse and neglect. Early investments
13 in home visiting programs have been shown to reduce costs
14 associated with foster care placements, hospitalizations,
15 emergency room visits, unintended pregnancies, and other more
16 costly outcomes and interventions.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a program within
2 the department of health for hospital-based screening and home
3 visiting services for newborns' families. Establishment of
4 Hawaii's home visiting program will position the department of
5 health to participate in the federal grant program, and thereby
6 improve the health and safety of eligible families.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to part XXV to be appropriately
9 designated and to read as follows:

10 "§321- Hawaii home visiting program; established. (a)

11 There is established within the department of health the Hawaii
12 home visiting program, which shall be responsible for statewide
13 hospital-based screening and home visiting services to identify
14 families of newborns at risk for poor health and safety
15 outcomes, including child abuse and neglect, to promote healthy
16 child development and strengthen families.

17 (b) Within the limits of available funds, the hospital-
18 based screening and home visiting services program shall:

19 (1) Provide proactive, universal screening of newborns'
20 families, using one or more screening tools validated
21 for identifying levels of risk for poor health and



- 1 safety outcomes and child abuse and neglect as
- 2 designated by the department of health;
- 3 (2) Refer high-risk families to Hawaii home visiting
- 4 program providers who shall employ evidence-based
- 5 models of service; and
- 6 (3) Consider as a high priority, families at risk for poor
- 7 health outcomes, child abuse, or neglect."

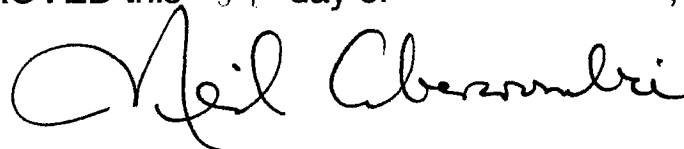
8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii tobacco
9 settlement special fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of
10 \$3,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2012-2013 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 health for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2013.

APPROVED this 31 day of MAY, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

