

# S.B. NO. 1139

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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, the President signed into  
2 law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, also  
3 known as the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148). The Affordable  
4 Care Act added section 511 to title V of the Social Security Act  
5 to create the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home  
6 Visiting Grant program to support development and implementation  
7 of evidence-based home visiting program models by states and  
8 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. Early investments in home visiting programs have been  
13 shown to reduce costs associated with foster care placements,  
14 hospitalizations, emergency room visits, unintended pregnancies,  
15 and other more costly outcomes and interventions.

16           The purpose of this Act is to establish a program within  
17 the department of health for screening and home visiting  
18 services for newborns' families. Establishment of Hawaii's home

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1 visiting program will position the department of health to  
2 participate in the federal grant program, and thereby improve  
3 the health and safety of eligible families.

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

7 "§321- Hawaii home visiting program; established. (a)

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

14 (b) The hospital-based screening and home visiting program  
15 shall, within the limits of available funds:

16 (1) Include proactive, universal screening of all births,  
17 using a tool designated by the department of health;

18 and

19 (2) Refer families at high risk to Hawaii home visiting  
20 program providers who shall employ evidence-based  
21 models of service."

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

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1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to  
2 carry out the purposes of this Act. The sum appropriated shall  
3 be expended by the department of health.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Home Visiting Program

**Description:**

Establishes a statewide hospital-based early identification and home visiting system to enhance health and safety outcomes, and prevent child abuse and neglect; and appropriates funds to the department of health to administer the program.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING HAWAII HOME VISITING PROGRAM.

PURPOSE: To establish a statewide early identification for screening of newborns' families and home visiting programs.

MEANS: Add a new section to part XXV of Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Responds to provisions of the Affordable Care Act requiring the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program.

Impact on the public: Improves the public health and safety of at-risk children. Newborns' families screened for risk factors referred to home visiting services within their communities.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: \$3,000,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 560.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.