
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



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

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part XXV 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
15 program, within the limits of available funds, shall:

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."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000, or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to
4 carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
9 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Home Visiting Program; Appropriation

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. (SD1)

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