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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 587A-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~§~~587A-10~~§~~ **Relatives; foster placement.** (a) The  
4 department shall provide the child's relative an application to  
5 be the child's resource family within fifteen days of the  
6 relative's request to provide foster placement for the child.  
7 If the application is submitted and denied, the department shall  
8 provide the applicant with the specific reasons for the denial  
9 and an explanation of the procedures for an administrative  
10 appeal.

11           (b) The department and authorized agencies shall make  
12 reasonable efforts to identify and notify all relatives of the  
13 child within thirty days after assuming foster custody of the  
14 child.

15           (c) Following the placement of a child with a resource  
16 family, the department shall visit the child at the resource  
17 family home at least once per month until:

18           (1) The child's adoption is finalized;



- 1        (2) The child's legal guardianship is finalized;
- 2        (3) The child reaches eighteen years of age; or
- 3        (4) As otherwise ordered by the court."

4        SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Child Protective Act; Minors; Foster Family

**Description:**

Requires DHS to visit children placed in resource families at least once per month.

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