
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEARING DISABLED.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of health shall conduct a
2 three-year pilot program on Hawaii island to assist preschool-
3 aged children with cochlear implants to acquire spoken language
4 skills.

5 (b) The pilot program shall:

6 (1) Make use of existing services and programs for the
7 identification of children who are hearing disabled,
8 including the statewide newborn hearing screening
9 program under part XXIX of chapter 321, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes;

11 (2) Provide the space, staff, training, equipment, and
12 materials necessary to successfully assist preschool-
13 aged children with cochlear implants to acquire spoken
14 language skills;

15 (3) Develop appropriate learning opportunities for
16 preschool-aged children with cochlear implants;



1 (4) Provide information about existing services and
2 options and appropriate support for the families of
3 preschool-aged children with cochlear implants;

4 (5) Include child assessment service models consistent
5 with federal early childhood intervention and special
6 education law for audiological and language
7 assessments; and

8 (6) Be consistent with federal mandates relating to spoken
9 language acquisition service delivery to preschool-
10 aged children with cochlear implants.

11 (c) The department of health shall submit a progress
12 report, including information on participation and success
13 rates, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the regular session of 2016. The department of
15 health shall submit a final report, including findings,
16 recommendations, and suggested legislation, if any, to the
17 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the regular session of 2017.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
22 development and implementation of a pilot program on Hawaii



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1 island to assist preschool-aged children with cochlear implants
2 to acquire spoken language skills.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014, and
6 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017.

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Report Title:

Preschool-Aged Children; Cochlear Implants; Spoken Language Skills

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to conduct a three-year pilot program on Hawaii Island to assist preschool-aged children with cochlear implants to acquire spoken language skills. Effective July 1, 2014.

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