
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State can
2 increase the effectiveness of the child support program by
3 clarifying the liability of grandparents in accordance with the
4 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act
5 of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105, also known as the
6 Welfare Reform Act.

7 Currently, thirteen states have enacted legislation that
8 provides grandparent liability for child support: Arizona,
9 Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, North
10 Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota,
11 Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Some of the statutes were enacted in
12 the wake of 42 United States Code section 666(a)(18) and limit
13 the liability of grandparents to those cases where the parents
14 of the child are minors and the custodial parent is receiving
15 public assistance. Other states have legislation that predates
16 the Welfare Reform Act and is modeled on the Elizabethan Poor
17 Laws.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the parents of a
2 minor mother or father to contribute child support for the
3 minor's child until:

4 (1) The parents of a minor mother or father are no longer
5 legally responsible to support the minor mother or
6 minor father; or

7 (2) The minor mother or minor father has reached the age
8 of eighteen.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 576D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§576D- Financial responsibility of parents of minors
13 with children. The parents of a minor mother or minor father
14 shall be required to contribute financial support for the child
15 of the minor mother or minor father, according to child custody
16 guidelines established pursuant to section 576D-7, until either
17 the parents of the minor mother or minor father are no longer
18 legally responsible to support the minor mother or minor father
19 or the minor mother or minor father reaches the age of majority,
20 whichever event occurs first."



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1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Grandparents; Child Support

Description:

Requires the parents of a minor mother or minor father to contribute financial support to the child of the minor mother or minor father until either the parent of the minor mother or father is no longer legally responsible to support the minor mother or father or when the minor mother or father reaches the age of majority.

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