
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 of the United
2 States signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable
3 Care Act (P.L. 111-148), also known as the Affordable Care Act.
4 The Affordable Care Act added section 511 to title V of the
5 Social Security Act to create the Maternal, Infant, and Early
6 Childhood Home Visiting program to support development and
7 implementation of evidence-based home visiting program models by
8 states and 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 Social Security Act's Title V grant program
3 for maternal and child welfare and thereby improve the health
4 and safety of eligible families.

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

8 "§321- Hawaii home visiting program; established. (a)

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

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

17 (1) Provide proactive, universal screening of newborns'
18 families, using a tool designated by the department of
19 health;

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



1 (3) Consider as a high priority, families at risk for poor
2 health outcomes, child abuse, or neglect."

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to
6 establish the Hawaii home visiting program.

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

9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
11 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



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. Appropriates funds to the department of health to administer the program. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

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