



GOV. MSG. NO. 1353

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

7/7/2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on 7/7/2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1137 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE  
SPECIAL FUND.  
**ACT 250**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL FUND.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123. Family First changes the way states may spend and claim funds pursuant to title IV-E of the Social Security Act (title IV-E funds). Previously, title IV-E funds could only be used for foster care maintenance, adoption assistance, kinship guardianship assistance, and related training and administrative expenses. Family First provides reimbursement of title IV-E funds for child abuse and prevention services. Hawaii will soon submit its Family First Hawaii Plan for federal review, and upon approval, it will have the option to use state and title IV-E funds for prevention services that would allow children who have been abused or neglected or are at risk of being abused or neglected to remain with their parents or relatives.

The legislature further finds that section 346-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, currently allows not more than \$3,000,000 in unencumbered and unexpected moneys to be retained in the spouse



1 and child abuse special fund. To maximize Hawaii's ability to  
2 draw additional federal fund reimbursement available through  
3 Family First, the department of human services needs a  
4 significant source of sustainable non-federal revenue to support  
5 spouse and child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention  
6 services, including personnel costs. With the decrease in  
7 general fund revenues due to disruptions caused by the  
8 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), it is necessary to increase  
9 the amount of unencumbered and unexpended moneys that the spouse  
10 and child abuse special fund can retain.

11 The legislature also finds that the department of human  
12 services is seeking to retain unencumbered and unexpended moneys  
13 in the spouse and child abuse special fund of up to \$5,000,000,  
14 including Family First federal reimbursements and title IV-E  
15 federal reimbursements received in the fiscal year following the  
16 year in which the funds were expended, to secure a stable source  
17 of funding for spouse abuse, child abuse and neglect prevention,  
18 intervention, and other services.

19 The purpose of this Act is to allow the spouse and child  
20 abuse special fund to retain up to \$5,000,000 unencumbered and  
21 unexpended moneys.



1       SECTION 2. Section 346-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3       "(e) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of  
4 [~~\$3,000,000~~] \$5,000,000 in the spouse and child abuse special  
5 fund shall lapse to the credit of the general fund. Upon  
6 dissolution of the spouse and child abuse special fund, any  
7 unencumbered moneys in the fund shall lapse to the general  
8 fund."

9       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
12 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2027.



S.B. NO. 1137  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 7th day of July, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Y. Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "D" and a stylized "Y".

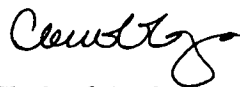
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1137, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1


THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives