
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of health for administrative purposes an early intervention
3 services working group. The working group shall:

4 (1) Study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf
5 and hard of hearing children, including best practices
6 in early intervention services and education; and

7 (2) Develop strategies to implement those recommendations.

8 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
9 members:

10 (1) A representative of the family health services
11 division of the department of health, who shall be
12 appointed by the director of health;

13 (2) A representative of the early intervention section of
14 the department of health, who shall be appointed by
15 the director of health;



- 1 (3) A representative of the department of human services,
2 who shall be appointed by the director of human
3 services;
- 4 (4) A representative of the university of Hawaii, who
5 shall be appointed by the president of the university
6 of Hawaii;
- 7 (5) A representative of the department of education, who
8 shall be appointed by the superintendent of education;
- 9 (6) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on
10 health and human services;
- 11 (7) The chairperson of the house of representatives
12 standing committee on health and homelessness;
- 13 (8) The director of the executive office on early
14 learning, or the director's designee;
- 15 (9) A representative of an entity that provides services
16 to deaf or hard of hearing children, who shall be
17 invited to participate by the governor; and
- 18 (10) A parent of a deaf or hard of hearing child under five
19 years old who receives or has received early
20 intervention services, who shall be invited to
21 participate by the governor.



1 The working group may invite other persons to participate
2 on the working group.

3 (c) The working group shall select a chairperson from
4 among its members.

5 (d) The members of the working group shall not be subject
6 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely based on their
7 participation on the working group.

8 (e) Members of the working group shall serve without
9 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,
10 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
11 their duties.

12 (f) The department of health shall provide administrative
13 support to the working group.

14 (g) The working group shall submit a report of its
15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for
21 expenses of the early intervention services working group.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

DOH; Early Intervention Services; Working Group; Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes an Early Intervention Services Working Group within the Department of Health to study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf and hard of hearing children, including implementation strategies. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

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