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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The judiciary shall conduct a study to  
2 determine how to implement a program with a start date of  
3 July 1, 2025, that provides free child care services to minor  
4 children of parties and witnesses who are attending court  
5 hearings in the first circuit family court.

6           (b) The judiciary shall submit a report of its findings  
7 and recommendations regarding the study, including any proposed  
8 legislation, to the legislature no later than forty days prior  
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

10          SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
11 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
13 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
14 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
15 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by

16 \$           or           per cent. This current declaration takes  
17 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal



1 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
2 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
3 ceiling are that:

4 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
5 serve the public interest; and

6 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
7 addressed by this Act.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the  
11 judiciary to conduct a study to determine how to implement a  
12 program that provides free child care services to minor children  
13 of parties and witnesses who are attending court hearings in the  
14 first circuit family court.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for  
16 the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



**Report Title:**

Judiciary; Study; Child Care; Witnesses; Parties; First Circuit; Report; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Judiciary to conduct a study to determine how to implement a program that provides free child care services to minor children of parties and witnesses who are attending court hearings in the First Circuit Family Court. Requires the Judiciary to submit a report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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