
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 587A-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The department shall provide [~~the~~] a child's relative
4 an application to be licensed as the child's resource family
5 within fifteen days of the relative's request to provide foster
6 placement for the child. The department shall only issue a
7 license if the relative submits an application and meets the
8 licensing standards for a child-specific license established by
9 the department in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91 and the
10 child is placed with the relative; provided that:

11 (1) If the application is submitted and the license is
12 denied[7] due to the failure of the applicant to meet
13 the licensing standards set out in rules adopted by
14 the department, the department shall provide the
15 applicant with the specific reasons for the denial and
16 an explanation of the procedures for an administrative



1 appeal[~~-~~] to contest the denial based on the licensing
2 standards; or
3 (2) If the application is submitted and the applicant
4 meets the licensing standards set out in rules adopted
5 by the department, and the department does not issue a
6 child-specific license because the child is not placed
7 with the applicant, the applicant shall not have a
8 right to an administrative appeal to contest the
9 placement decision; provided further that the
10 applicant may seek judicial review by the family court
11 pursuant to this chapter."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

DHS; Relative; Resource Caregiver; Foster Home; Licensing;
Administrative Appeal

Description:

Clarifies when a relative seeking to be a resource caregiver for a child is entitled to an administrative appeal for denial of a foster home license issued by the Department of Human Services. (SD1)

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