A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CHILDCARE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that offering childcare
- 2 services for public employees can significantly enhance
- 3 workforce development and recruitment by attracting a broader
- 4 pool of talent, improving retention through increased job
- 5 satisfaction, and boosting productivity by reducing absenteeism
- 6 and enabling employees to focus better on their work.
- 7 Additionally, it fosters economic security for families and
- 8 contributes to community development, making it a valuable
- investment for public employers. 9
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
- 11 office of the governor to establish a state childcare facility
- 12 for state employees and their children.
- 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$
- 15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
- the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 16
- 17 year 2026-2027 for the establishment of a state childcare



- 1 facility for state employees and their children ages two and
- 2 below; provided that the office of the governor may contract for
- 3 services with providers and nonprofits, including the university
- 4 of Hawaii.
- 5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
- 6 the governor for the purposes of this Act.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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H.B. NO. 327

Report Title:

Office of the Governor; Childcare; Future Caucus; Appropriation

Description:

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