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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) There is established within the judiciary  
2 a three-year pilot program to provide free child care services  
3 to minor children of parties and witnesses who are attending  
4 court hearings in the first circuit; provided that the free  
5 child care services shall only be offered in an area designated  
6 by the judiciary.

7           (b) The judiciary shall submit a report of its findings  
8 and recommendations regarding the pilot program, including any  
9 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than forty  
10 days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2026,  
11 2027, and 2028.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2026-2027 for the judiciary to establish a pilot program to  
17 provide free child care services to minor children of parties





# S.B. NO. 173

**Report Title:**

Judiciary; Pilot Program; Child Care; Witnesses; Parties; First Circuit; Reports; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires the Judiciary to establish a three-year pilot program to provide free child care services to minor children of parties and witnesses who are attending court hearings in the first circuit. Requires the Judiciary to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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