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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEAD POISONING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Lead poisoning; lead screening tests; minors;
5 exemption. (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, a physician treating
6 a minor patient shall:

7 (1) Perform a lead screening test on the minor patient or
8 order a lead screening test for the minor patient at
9 certain intervals using methods pursuant to
10 recommendations adopted by the department of health;

11 and

12 (2) Make an entry of the lead screening test on the minor
13 patient's record.

14 (b) The department of health shall adopt recommendations
15 to implement this section. The recommendations shall include
16 but not be limited to:



1 (1) Subject to subsection (c), a recommendation that a
2 minor residing in the State shall be considered at
3 high risk for lead exposure and tested according to
4 the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and
5 Treatment program schedules for children enrolled in
6 medicaid; and

7 (2) Procedures for entering the lead screening test
8 information described in subsection (a) (2) on the
9 minor patient's record, including but not limited to
10 procedures for entering the information if testing is
11 performed by a person other than a physician.

12 (c) The department of health may adjust the recommendation
13 in subsection (b) (1) if, after collecting and reviewing data on
14 lead poisoning in the State for five years, the department of
15 health determines that testing minors at the ages set by the
16 schedules pursuant to subsection (b) (1) is no longer necessary
17 or appropriate to maintain the health and safety of minors who
18 reside in the State. If the department of health adjusts the
19 recommendations in subsection (b) (1) pursuant to this section,
20 the department of health shall submit a report of its findings



1 and rationale to the legislature forty days prior to the
2 convening of the next regular session."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Beginning 1/1/2026, requires physicians to perform or order lead screening tests for minor patients at certain intervals as recommended by the Department of Health and make an entry of the lead screening test in the minor patient's record. Requires the Department of Health to adopt recommendations for lead screening tests. Requires the Department of Health to report to the Legislature if it adjusts the recommendations.

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