

## ACT 148

H.B. NO. 2426

A Bill for an Act Relating to Relative Resource Caregivers.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

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

“(a) The department shall provide ~~the~~ a child’s relative an application to be licensed as the child’s resource family within fifteen days of the relative’s request to provide foster placement for the child. The department shall issue a license only if the relative submits an application and meets the licensing standards for a child-specific license established in rules adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 91 and the child is placed with the relative. If the application is submitted and:

- (1) The license is denied[-] due to the failure of the applicant to meet the licensing standards set out in rules adopted by the department, the department shall provide the applicant with the specific reasons for the denial and an explanation of the procedures for an administrative appeal[-] to contest the denial based on the licensing standards;  
or
- (2) The applicant meets the licensing standards set out in rules adopted by the department, and the department does not issue a child-specific license because the child is not placed with the applicant, the applicant shall not have a right to an administrative appeal to contest the placement decision; provided that the applicant may seek judicial review by the family court with exclusive jurisdiction to review placement determinations for the child pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved July 1, 2024.)