
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ACT 317, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2022.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
2 amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 2. (a) The child welfare services branch of the
4 department of human services shall develop a [~~modern case~~
5 ~~management software solution that is compatible with existing~~
6 ~~child welfare technology.~~] comprehensive child welfare
7 information system.

8 (b) The department shall contract with [a] qualified child
9 welfare software [~~provider~~] providers or procure available
10 software to develop the [ease management software solution,
11 comprehensive child welfare information system, which [~~shall~~]
12 may include the following features:

13 (1) A method for case workers to:

14 (A) More effectively track the children in their
15 caseload management;

16 (B) Create and manage case plans; and

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1 (C) Manage ongoing visits in the home and in
2 coordination with siblings and families of
3 origin;

4 (2) A family portal for resource caregiver families to
5 easily document information related to the care of
6 children in their homes, including information related
7 to the documentation of medical and dental visits;

8 (3) Online access for families to information related to
9 the care of children placed in their care, including
10 allergy, education, and health information; and

11 (4) A portal for minors over the age of twelve in care to
12 access resources online about available support
13 services.

14 (c) The child welfare services branch shall submit reports
15 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of the regular sessions of 2023 and 2024, including a
17 status update on the development of the [~~child welfare services~~
18 ~~ease management software solution,~~] comprehensive child welfare
19 information system, findings and recommendations, and any
20 proposed legislation."

21 SECTION 2. Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
22 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

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1 "SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$80,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
4 development of a [~~ease management software solution~~]
5 comprehensive child welfare information system by the child
6 welfare services branch of the department of human services
7 pursuant to this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 human services for the purposes of this Act.

10 The appropriation made by this Act for fiscal year 2022-
11 2023 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the
12 appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and
13 unencumbered balance of the appropriation as of the close of
14 business on June 30, 2024, shall lapse."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
18 provided that section 2 shall take effect on June 30, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Child Welfare Information System; Department of Human Services

Description:

Amends Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to give the Department of Human Services needed flexibility in developing a comprehensive child welfare information system that complies with federal regulation, which may allow the department to receive federal matching funds for the project. Extends the time the Department of Human Services may expend the appropriation made in Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACT 317,
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2022.

PURPOSE: To amend Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 317), to give the Department of Human Services (DHS) needed flexibility in developing a comprehensive child welfare information system that complies with federal regulations issued by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), United States Department of Health and Human Services, and to extend the time DHS may use the appropriation made in Act 317.

MEANS: Amend sections 2 and 3 of Act 317.

JUSTIFICATION: The bill will amend Act 317 to allow DHS to develop a child welfare information system compatible with ACF's final regulations regarding Comprehensive Child Welfare Information Systems (CCWIS). Compliance with federal regulations is necessary so DHS can spend the funds appropriately and access available federal matching funds. Title 45 Code of Federal Regulation sections 1355.50-59 describes system design requirements and allows states to access federal resources to complete Hawaii's CCWIS.

The bill also extends the time to expend the general fund appropriation made in Act 317.

Act 317 requires amendments that will allow DHS the flexibility to develop a new system that does not build on the existing technology. To develop the CCWIS, DHS also needs to be able to work with more than one potential service provider consistent with procurement law to get the best value for the State.

These amendments to Act 317 will also give DHS more time to expend the appropriation and leverage available federal matching funds. Currently, DHS estimates the overall planning and implementation cost of the CCWIS at about \$35 million to \$40 million, with a 50/50 federal match. However, costs to other states that have already developed their CCWIS project range from \$60 million to \$80 million. Therefore, DHS needs to maximize all federal matching opportunities and will request additional resources through the executive budget.

Impact on the public: A comprehensive child welfare information system will improve information sharing for staff and providers who work with children and families involved with the child welfare system. An improved information system will support improved decision-making and ensure appropriate services are provided timely. In addition, improving decision-making and access to prevention and intervention services that reduce child abuse and neglect will lead to a more resilient community.

Impact on the department and other agencies: DHS will have more flexibility to develop a comprehensive child welfare information system compliant with federal regulations, thus enabling DHS to receive available federal matching funds.

GENERAL FUND: \$80,000 A

OTHER FUNDS: \$80,000 N if Act 317 becomes compatible with federal regulation and the time to expend the appropriation is extended.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HMS 904

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon Approval, provided that section 2 shall
take effect on June 30, 2023.