
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDING OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's families
2 require programs that provide early intervention services for
3 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and proactively
4 address biological and environmental risk factors that cause
5 developmental limitations. Such factors include, among other
6 things, low birth weight; primary caregiver incarceration or
7 substance abuse; the physical, developmental, emotional, or
8 psychiatric disability of a primary caregiver or family member;
9 and child abuse and neglect.

10 The legislature further finds that inadequate funding has
11 continued to prevent the consistent provision of these required
12 services. Without supplemental funds from a dedicated revenue
13 source, the situation will surely worsen.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide a supplemental
15 dedicated source of funding for community-based, family-
16 centered, early intervention services by means utilizing funds
17 from the healthy Hawaii initiative program.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from Hawaii tobacco
2 settlement special fund moneys appropriated to the department of
3 health for the healthy Hawaii initiative program pursuant to
4 sections 328L-2(b)(2) and 328L-4(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
5 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
6 for fiscal year 2010-2011 for early intervention programs.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 health for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Keiki Caucus; Early Intervention Services; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys out of healthy Hawaii initiative program funds to fund early intervention programs for at-risk infants and toddlers. (SD1)

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