A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 576D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is									
2	amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately										
3	inserted and to read as follows:										
4	""Other state" includes:										
5	(1)	All states of the United States other than the State									
6		of Hawaii;									
7	(2)	The District of Columbia;									
8	(3)	Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and any									
9		territory or insular possession subject to the									
10		jurisdiction of the United States;									
11	(4)	Any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation,									
12		pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of									
13		the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe									
14		and is included in the list of federally recognized									
15		Indian tribal governments as published in the Federal									
16		Register that is operating under Title IV-D; and									
17	(5)	A foreign country or a political subdivision thereof:									

1		<u>(A)</u>	Declared to be a foreign reciprocating country						
2			under Title IV-D; or						
3		<u>(B)</u>	With which the State has entered into a						
4			reciprocal arrangement for the establishment and						
5			enforcement of support obligations to the extent						
6			consistent with Title IV-D.						
7	"State" means the State of Hawaii."								
8	SECTION 2. Section 576D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is								
9	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:								
10	"(a)	The	agency shall:						
11	(1)	Esta	blish a state parent locator service for the						
12		purp	ose of locating absent and custodial parents;						
13	(2)	Cooperate with other states in:							
14		(A)	Establishing paternity, if necessary;						
15		(B)	Locating an absent parent who is present in the						
16			State and against whom any action is being taken						
17			under a Title IV-D program in any other state;						
18			and						
19		(C)	Securing compliance by an absent parent with a						
20			support order issued by a court of competent						
21			jurisdiction in [another] any other state;						

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(3)	Perform periodic checks of whether a parent is
	collecting unemployment compensation and, if so, to
	arrange, either through agreement with the parent or
	by bringing legal process, to have a portion of the
	compensation withheld, to fulfill the parent's child
	support obligations;

- (4) Notify annually each custodial parent, guardian, protective payee, or other person having custody of the child of an Aid to Families with Dependent Children family of the amount of child support collected on behalf of the child in the family. For the purpose of this [section,] paragraph, "Aid to Families with Dependent Children family" means a family that receives financial assistance under the federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children program or its successor;
- (5) Establish and use procedures that shall require a debtor parent to give security, post bond, or give some other guarantee to secure payment of delinquent child support. The procedures shall apply to all debtor parents of children described under section 576D-3. The procedures shall include advance notice

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to the debtor parent in full compliance with the
State's procedural due process requirements. The
agency shall develop guidelines, which are available
to the public, to determine whether the case is
[inappropriate] appropriate for application of this
requirement;

7 (6) Establish and use procedures by which information 8 regarding the name of the debtor parent and the amount 9 of delinquent child support owed by a debtor parent 10 residing in the State will be made available to any 11 consumer reporting agency as defined in section 603(f) 12 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. The procedures 13 shall be effectuated upon the agency being authorized 14 to provide Title IV-D services[7] and shall include 15 provisions [on advance notice] to provide to the 16 debtor parent whose information is being reported **17** advance notice of the procedures, which notice and 18 procedures shall be in full compliance with the 19 State's procedural due process requirements, to 20 contest the accuracy of the information;

(7) Establish and use procedures that will enforce liens against the real and personal property of a debtor

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1		parent who owes overdue support and who resides or
2		owns property in the State. The agency shall further
3		establish guidelines that are available to the public
4		to determine whether the case is inappropriate for
5		application of this paragraph;
6	(8)	Establish and use procedures for the notification of a
7		custodial parent that any income tax refund setoff
8		under section 231-53 shall be retained by the State in
9		cases where medical support rights have been assigned
10		to the State and the income tax refund setoff is
11		applied to amounts designated in the child support
12		order for medical purposes;
13	(9)	Establish and use procedures for prompt
14		[reimbursements of overpayments] reimbursement of
15		overpayment of child support debts from income tax
16		refund setoffs under section 231-53. The procedures
17		shall provide for the [reimbursements] reimbursement
18		to be made by the custodial parent or agency;
19	(10)	Establish and use procedures for periodic review and
20		modification of child support orders in accordance
21		with Title IV-D;

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2		those parents subject to an order of support informing
3		the parents of their right to request the agency to
4		review and, if appropriate, adjust the order of
5		support pursuant to the guidelines established under
6	•	section 576D-7;
7	(12)	Establish and operate a state case registry that
8		contains records of:
9		(A) Each case in which services are being provided by
10		the agency under the state plan; and
11		(B) Each support order established or modified in the
12		State on or after October 1, 1998.
13		The records shall use standardized data elements for
14		both parents, including but not limited to names,
15		residential and mailing addresses, telephone numbers,
16		driver's license numbers, [names, addresses, and
17		telephone number of the party's employer,] social
18		security numbers and other uniform identification
19		numbers, dates of birth, [and] case identification

numbers, and the names, addresses, and telephone

numbers of the parents' employers, and contain any

other information as required by the United States

(11) Provide notice not less than once every three years to

1		Secretary of Health and Human Services. In each case,
2		with respect to subparagraph (A) and where a support
3		order has been established, the case record shall
4		include the amount of monthly or other periodic
5		support owed under the order, and other amounts,
6		including but not limited to arrearages, due under the
7		order, the amounts collected under the order, the
8		birthdate of any child for whom the order requires the
9		provision of support, and the amount of any lien
10		imposed;
11	(13)	Perform other duties required under chapter 576B, the
12		Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; and
13	(14)	Perform other duties required under Title IV-D."
14	SECT	ION 3. Section 576D-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15	amended by	y amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
16	" (C)	Other than for child support payments disbursed to
17	the depar	tment of human services or to [another] any other state
18	or agency	administering a program under Title IV-D [of the
19	federal S	ocial Security Act], the custodial parent shall elect
20	to receiv	e child support payments from the agency by means of an
21	electroni	c benefits transfer system or by directly depositing
22	the amoun	t into an account designated by the custodial parent.
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- 1 If an election is not made, the agency shall determine whether
- 2 the disbursement of child support payments shall be by means of
- 3 an electronic benefits transfer system or by an alternate method
- 4 of disbursement that complies with the time frame required under
- 5 Title IV-D [of the federal Social Security Act]."
- 6 SECTION 4. Section 576D-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended by amending subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:
- 8 "(f) A lien shall be enforceable by the child support
- 9 enforcement agency or its designated counsel, by the obligee, or
- 10 by [another] any other state or agency administering a program
- 11 under Title IV-D [of the federal Social Security Act], in the
- 12 following manner:
- 13 (1) By suit in the appropriate court;
- 14 (2) By bringing an action in an administrative tribunal;
- 15 (3) By filing and serving a notice of child support lien;
- **16** or
- 17 (4) By any lawful means of collection.
- 18 A notice of child support lien shall state the name and the last
- 19 four digits only of the social security number [+], if
- 20 available[+], of the obligor, the child support enforcement case
- 21 number, the amount of the lien and the through date [+], if
- 22 applicable[+], the accruing monthly amount, and the date on

- 1 which the order or judgment regarding child support or public
- 2 assistance debt was recorded with the bureau of conveyances.
- 3 The notice shall require that whoever is served with a notice of
- 4 child support lien either satisfy the lien or obtain a release
- 5 of the lien prior to disbursing any funds to the obligor. The
- 6 method of service of a notice of child support lien shall be by
- 7 certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal
- 8 delivery to the individual or entity referred to. A copy of the
- 9 notice of child support lien shall also be sent to the obligor
- 10 by regular mail at the obligor's last known address. Upon
- 11 service of a notice of child support lien, the individual or
- 12 entity served shall withhold the amount of the lien from the
- 13 proceeds of any estate, judgment, settlement, compromise,
- 14 vacation or holiday pay, or other benefits due the obligor and
- 15 deliver the funds to the child support enforcement agency. For
- 16 service effectuated by certified mail, an electronic copy or
- 17 facsimile of the signature of the served individual or entity on
- 18 certified mailers provided by the United States Postal Service
- 19 shall constitute valid proof of service on the individual or
- 20 entity. A notice of child support lien may be amended from time
- 21 to time until extinguished or released, each amendment taking
- 22 effect upon proper service. A notice of child support lien

1	shall rema	in in effect until satisfied, extinguished, or
2	released.	•
3	(g)	A lien shall be enforceable by the child support
4	enforcemen	at agency or its designated counsel or by [another] any
5	other stat	e or agency administering a program under Title IV-D
6	[of the Sc	ocial Security Act] without the necessity of obtaining
7	a court or	der in the following manner:
8	(1)	By intercepting or seizing periodic or lump-sum
9		payments from:
10		(A) A state or local agency, including unemployment
11		compensation, and other benefits; and
12		(B) Judgments, settlements, and lotteries;
13		provided that unemployment compensation benefits may
14		be intercepted only to the extent authorized by
15		section 303(e) of the Social Security Act;
16	(2)	By attaching and seizing assets of the obligor held in
17		financial institutions;
18	(3)	By attaching public and private retirement funds; and
19	(4)	By imposing liens in accordance with this section and,
20		in appropriate cases, to force the sale of property

and distribution of proceeds.

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- 1 These procedures shall be subject to due process safeguards,
- 2 including, as appropriate, requirements for notice, opportunity
- 3 to contest the action, and opportunity for an appeal on the
- 4 record to an independent administrative or judicial tribunal."
- 5 SECTION 5. Section 576D-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 7 "(c) Upon the agency's receipt of an [interstate] income
- 8 withholding request from [another jurisdiction,] any other state
- 9 or agency administering a program under Title IV-D, the agency
- 10 may issue an income withholding order to collect the support
- 11 imposed upon the obligor by a support order issued or modified
- 12 by the other state. The order shall include an amount adequate
- 13 to ensure that past due payments and payments that will become
- 14 due in the future under the terms of the support order will be
- **15** paid."
- 16 SECTION 6. Section 576D-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 17 amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:
- 18 "(c) The agency and other state [or territorial] agencies
- 19 administering a program under Title IV-D shall have access,
- 20 including automated inquiry access, to the records of all
- 21 entities in the State for information on the employment,
- 22 compensation, and benefits of any individual member, employee,

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1	or	contractor	of	the	entity.	to	accomplish	the	purposes	of	the

- 2 child support program. The entities include but are not limited
- 3 to for-profit, nonprofit, and labor organizations, and any
- 4 agency, board, commission, authority, court, or committee of the
- 5 State or its political subdivisions, notwithstanding any
- 6 provision for confidentiality. Subject to safeguards on privacy
- 7 and confidentiality and subject to the nonliability of entities
- 8 that afford access under this section, the agency and other
- 9 state [or territorial] agencies administering a program under
- 10 Title IV-D shall also have access to records held by private
- 11 entities with respect to individuals who owe or are owed
- 12 support, or against or with respect to whom a support obligation
- 13 is sought consisting of:
- 14 (1) The names and addresses of individuals and the names
- and addresses of the employers of [such] those
- 16 individuals as appearing in customer records of public
- 17 utilities and cable television companies, pursuant to
- an administrative subpoena authorized pursuant to
- **19** section 576E-2; and
- 20 (2) Information, including information on assets and
- 21 liabilities, on [such] the individuals held by
- 22 financial institutions.

- 1 (d) Other [federal, state, and territorial] state and
- 2 <u>federal</u> agencies conducting activities under [the] Title IV-D
- 3 [program] shall have access to any system used by the State to
- 4 locate an individual for purposes relating to motor vehicles or
- 5 law enforcement."
- 6 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

Report Title:

Child Support Enforcement

Description:

Includes tribal Title IV-D agencies and foreign countries as defined under federal regulations as authorized agencies that child support services and information can be provided to and received from. Effective July 1, 2011. (HB1005 CD1)

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