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S.B. NO. 979

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO WELLNESS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that seventy per cent of  
2 chronic conditions are related to personal behaviors and  
3 unhealthy lifestyle choices. It is important to develop  
4 initiatives that positively influence healthy behavior related  
5 to physical activity and increased fruit and vegetable  
6 consumption.

7       The legislature also finds that Hawaii must comply with  
8 federal health reform legislation requirements by 2014,  
9 including mandating physician reimbursements for outcomes rather  
10 than transactions. Therefore the legislature is interested in  
11 authorizing and evaluating health and wellness alternatives  
12 that:

- 13       (1) Reduce the incidence of chronic disease;  
14       (2) Support families in adopting and maintaining healthier  
15           lifestyles; and  
16       (3) Reduce the costs of health care expenditures  
17           associated with emergency care and other hospital-  
18           based treatments for avoidable chronic diseases.



1       The purpose of this Act is to establish a healthy families  
2 initiative pilot program.

3       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$               or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and  
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2012-2013 for the creation of a healthy families initiative  
8 pilot program.

9       The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
10 of health for the purposes of this Act.

11       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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**Report Title:**

Health; Wellness; Healthy Families; Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Creates a healthy families initiative pilot program;  
appropriates funds.

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