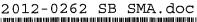
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 321-352, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "S321-352 Early intervention services for infants and
- 4 toddlers with special needs. (a) The department may develop a
- 5 statewide, coordinated, multidisciplinary program which contains
- 6 a continuum of services to meet the needs of infants and
- 7 toddlers with special needs. The department shall be the lead
- 8 agency for the coordination of federal and state funding for
- 9 those programs. Pursuant to chapter 103F, the department may
- 10 purchase services appropriate to carry out activities under this
- 11 part.
- (b) The department shall develop and establish a family
- 13 cost participation schedule of monthly cost participation fees
- 14 for early intervention services. The fees shall not be charged
- 15 for services to be provided to the family at no cost as
- 16 established in part C of the Individuals with Disabilities
- 17 Education Act (20 U.S.C. section 1431 et seq.). The fee
- 18 schedule shall consist of a sliding scale for families with an





- 1 annual gross income not less than two hundred per cent of the
- 2 federal poverty guideline, and shall be adjusted for the level
- 3 of annual gross income, household size, and financial hardship.
- 4 The department shall adopt procedures for suspending services
- 5 based on a failure to satisfy family cost participation
- 6 obligations. All sums collected from family cost participation
- 7 shall be deposited into the early intervention special fund,
- 8 pursuant to section 321-355.
- 9 (c) The department may develop a program to offer early
- 10 intervention services for children who are ineligible for
- 11 services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities
- 12 Education Act. These services shall be offered on a fee-for-
- 13 service basis. Pursuant to chapter 103F, the department may
- 14 purchase services appropriate to carry out activities under this
- 15 subsection."
- 16 SECTION 2. Section 321-355, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 18 "(b) The fund shall consist of grants, fees, and income
- 19 earned by the special fund. [All] Fees received from family
- 20 cost participation and all program income consisting of federal
- 21 reimbursement funds received by the State for early intervention
- 22 funded by legislative appropriations under this part shall be



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- 1 deposited into the special fund; provided that no state
- 2 appropriations shall be deposited into the special fund."
- 3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Health; Early Intervention Services; Fees

Description:

Requires the department of health to develop and establish a family cost participation schedule of monthly cost participation fees for early intervention services. Authorizes the department to offer early intervention services on a fee-for-service basis for children who are ineligible for services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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