

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD WELLNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a five-year child
2 wellness incentive pilot program within the department of human
3 services to ensure the health of children in Hawaii, including
4 early detection of potential illnesses.

5 (b) The pilot program shall pay \$50 to a state medicaid
6 benefit recipient who is a parent to a child, each time the
7 child completes a well-child examination pursuant to rules
8 adopted by the department of human services; provided that only
9 one payment may be made per child each year for completion of
10 one well-child examination.

11 (c) The department of human services shall adopt rules
12 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out
13 the purposes of this Act, including the schedule of routine
14 well-child examinations and the process by which parents may
15 apply for program payments.

16 (d) The department of human services shall submit a report
17 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, regarding the child wellness incentive pilot
2 program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
3 the convening of the regular session of 2027. The reports shall
4 include the effect of the pilot program on the number of well-
5 child examinations performed for children of state medicaid
6 benefit recipients and a recommendation on whether the pilot
7 program should be continued, modified, or terminated.

8 (e) For the purposes of this Act:

9 "Child" means an unmarried individual who is under eighteen
10 years of age. "Child" includes a stepchild and an adopted
11 child.

12 "Pilot program" means the five-year child wellness
13 incentive pilot program established by this Act.

14 "Well-child examination", also known as well-child visits,
15 well-care visits, and well-care checkups, means a routine
16 examination of a child performed by a licensed health care
17 professional as part of preventive pediatric care, which
18 includes but is not limited to review of the child's family-
19 centered health history, physical examination, immunizations,
20 vision and hearing screening, developmental and behavioral
21 assessment, an oral health risk assessment, a social assessment;



1 parenting education on a wide range of topics; and care
2 coordination, as needed.

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 2022-2023 to
6 establish, implement, and operate the child wellness incentive
7 pilot program.

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

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and
11 shall repeal on June 30, 2027.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2857

Report Title:

Department of Human Services; Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program; Well-Child Examination; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Department of Human Services, a five-year Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program that pays \$50 to a state medicaid benefit recipient who is a parent to a child, each time the child completes a well-child examination. Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules and report to the legislature. Makes appropriation. Repeals 6/30/2027.

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