
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that having modern
2 software that child welfare caseworkers can access on their
3 mobile phones during case visits and doing field work will allow
4 workers to more effectively manage their caseloads to meet the
5 growing number of children in foster care, ensure that Hawaii
6 can meet the national standard for monthly visits, improve case
7 planning, and strengthen child and family involvement to improve
8 mental and behavioral health outcomes for youth and the health
9 needs for children.

10 The purpose of this Act is to:

11 (1) Require the child welfare services branch of the
12 department of human services to establish a pilot
13 program to develop a modern case management software
14 solution compatible with existing child welfare
15 technology; and

16 (2) Appropriate funds for this purpose.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The child welfare services branch of the
2 department of human services shall establish a child welfare
3 services case management pilot program to develop a modern case
4 management software solution compatible with existing child
5 welfare technology.

6 (b) The pilot program shall be headed by the branch
7 administrator of the department of human services' child welfare
8 services branch, or the branch administrator's designee.

9 (c) The department shall contract with a qualified child
10 welfare software provider to develop the case management
11 software solution, which shall include the following features:

12 (1) A method for case workers to:

13 (A) More effectively track the children in their
14 caseload management;

15 (B) Create and manage case plans; and

16 (C) Manage ongoing visits in the home and in
17 coordination with siblings and families of
18 origin;

19 (2) A family portal for resource caregiver families to
20 easily document information related to the care of



1 children in their homes, including information related
2 to the documentation of medical and dental visits;

3 (3) Online access for families to information related to
4 the care of children placed in their care, including
5 allergy, education, and health information; and

6 (4) A portal for older youth in care to access resources
7 online about available support services.

8 (d) The child welfare services branch shall submit reports
9 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
10 convening of the regular sessions of 2023 and 2024, including a
11 status update on the development of the child welfare services
12 case management software solution, findings and recommendations,
13 and any proposed legislation.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
17 the child welfare services case management pilot program
18 established by this Act.

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



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060;
2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2022.
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Report Title:

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Description

Requires the child welfare services branch of the department of human services to establish a pilot program to develop a modern case management software solution compatible with existing child welfare technology. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2060.
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