
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 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 develop a modern case
13 management software solution that is compatible with
14 existing child welfare technology; and

15 (2) Appropriate funds for this purpose.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The child welfare services branch of the
17 department of human services shall develop a modern case



1 management software solution that is compatible with existing
2 child welfare technology.

3 (b) The department shall contract with a qualified child
4 welfare software provider to develop the case management
5 software solution, which shall include the following features:

6 (1) A method for case workers to:

7 (A) More effectively track the children in their
8 caseload management;

9 (B) Create and manage case plans; and

10 (C) Manage ongoing visits in the home and in
11 coordination with siblings and families of
12 origin;

13 (2) A family portal for resource caregiver families to
14 easily document information related to the care of
15 children in their homes, including information related
16 to the documentation of medical and dental visits;

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

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



1 (c) The child welfare services branch shall submit reports
2 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
3 convening of the regular sessions of 2023 and 2024, including a
4 status update on the development of the child welfare services
5 case management software solution, findings and recommendations,
6 and any proposed legislation.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
10 the development of a case management software solution by the
11 child welfare services branch of the department of human
12 services pursuant to this Act.

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

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060;
16 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Department of Human Services; Child Welfare Services; Case Management Software; Appropriation

Description

Requires the Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Services Branch to develop a modern case management software solution that is compatible with existing child welfare technology. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2060. (SD1)

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