



GOV. MSG. NO. 1249

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 1, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2426 HD2 SD2

RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE
CAREGIVERS.
ACT 148

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2426
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 587A-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
 3 "(a) The department shall provide ~~[the]~~ a child's relative
 4 an application to be licensed as the child's resource family
 5 within fifteen days of the relative's request to provide foster
 6 placement for the child. The department shall issue a license
 7 only if the relative submits an application and meets the
 8 licensing standards for a child-specific license established in
 9 rules adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 91 and the
 10 child is placed with the relative. If the application is
 11 submitted and:
 12 (1) The license is denied[7] due to the failure of the
 13 applicant to meet the licensing standards set out in
 14 rules adopted by the department, the department shall
 15 provide the applicant with the specific reasons for
 16 the denial and an explanation of the procedures for an



1 administrative appeal[-] to contest the denial based
 2 on the licensing standards; or
 3 (2) The applicant meets the licensing standards set out in
 4 rules adopted by the department, and the department
 5 does not issue a child-specific license because the
 6 child is not placed with the applicant, the applicant
 7 shall not have a right to an administrative appeal to
 8 contest the placement decision; provided that the
 9 applicant may seek judicial review by the family court
 10 with exclusive jurisdiction to review placement
 11 determinations for the child pursuant to the
 12 provisions of this chapter."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 1st day of July , 2024



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2426, HD 2, SD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 19, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 9, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate