
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of health for administrative purposes an early intervention
3 services working group. The working group shall:

4 (1) Study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf
5 and hard of hearing children, including best practices
6 in early intervention services and education; and

7 (2) Develop strategies to implement those recommendations.

8 (b) The working group shall comprise the following
9 members:

10 (1) A representative of the family health services
11 division of the department of health, who shall be
12 appointed by the director of health;

13 (2) A representative of the department of human services,
14 who shall be appointed by the director of human
15 services;



1 (3) A representative of the university of Hawaii, who
2 shall be appointed by the president of the university
3 of Hawaii;

4 (4) A representative of the department of education, who
5 shall be appointed by the superintendent of education;

6 (5) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on
7 health and human services;

8 (6) The chairperson of the house of representatives
9 standing committee on health and homelessness; and

10 (7) A representative of an entity that provides services
11 to deaf or hard of hearing children, who shall be
12 invited to participate by the governor.

13 The working group may invite other persons to participate
14 on the working group.

15 (c) The working group shall select a chairperson from
16 among its members.

17 (d) The members of the working group shall not be subject
18 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely based on their
19 participation on the working group.

20 (e) Members of the working group shall serve without
21 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,



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1 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
2 their duties.

3 (f) The department of health shall provide administrative
4 support to the working group.

5 (g) The working group shall submit a report of its
6 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for
12 expenses of the early intervention services working group.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

DOH; Early Intervention Services; Working Group; Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes an early intervention services working group within the Department of Health to study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf and hard of hearing children, including implementation strategies. Requires report to Legislature. Appropriates moneys.

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