
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending section 2 to read:

4 "SECTION 2. (a) The child welfare services branch of the
5 department of human services shall develop a [~~modern case~~
6 ~~management software solution that is compatible with existing~~
7 ~~child welfare technology.~~] comprehensive child welfare
8 information system.

9 (b) The department shall contract with [a] qualified child
10 welfare software [~~provider~~] providers or procure available
11 software to develop the [ease management software solution,
12 comprehensive child welfare information system, which [shall]
13 may include the following features:

14 (1) A method for case workers to:

15 (A) More effectively track the children in their
16 caseload management;

17 (B) Create and manage case plans; and



1 (C) Manage ongoing visits in the home and in
2 coordination with siblings and families of
3 origin;

4 (2) A family portal for resource caregiver families to
5 easily document information related to the care of
6 children in their homes, including information related
7 to the documentation of medical and dental visits;

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

11 (4) A portal for minors over the age of twelve in care to
12 access resources online about available support
13 services.

14 (c) The child welfare services branch shall submit reports
15 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of the regular sessions of 2023 and 2024, including a
17 status update on the development of the [~~child welfare services~~
18 ~~ease management software solution,~~] comprehensive child welfare
19 information system, findings and recommendations, and any
20 proposed legislation."

21 2. By amending section 3 to read:



1 "SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$80,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
4 development of a [~~ease management software solution~~
5 comprehensive child welfare information system] by the child
6 welfare services branch of the department of human services
7 pursuant to this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 human services for the purposes of this Act[-]; provided that
10 the appropriation made by this Act shall not lapse at the end of
11 the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made; provided
12 further that all moneys from the appropriation that are
13 unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date."

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
17 provided that section 1 shall take effect on June 29, 2023.



Report Title:

Child Welfare Information System; Department of Human Services;
Appropriation

Description:

Amends Act 317, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to grant the Department of Human Services flexibility in developing a comprehensive child welfare information system and extend the appropriation lapse date. (SD1)

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