

JAN 19 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the first quarter
2 of state fiscal year ending 2023, more than fifteen thousand
3 families received Child Care Connection Hawaii subsidies to help
4 afford child care for children ages six weeks to thirteen years
5 old. The legislature also finds that child care for infants and
6 toddlers is the most difficult to find due to a shortage of
7 early child care providers. Further, when providers' operating
8 costs are funded by tuition, child care providers face possible
9 disruption and closure, since tuition is based on ever-changing
10 enrollment.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish,
12 administer, and appropriate funds for a two-year infant and
13 toddler child care contracted slots pilot program to establish
14 procedures to fund slots in licensed infant and toddler center
15 settings for children receiving child care subsidies.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The department of human services shall
2 establish and administer a two-year infant and toddler child
3 care contracted slots pilot program.

4 (b) The department of human services shall develop
5 standards, policies, and procedures to contract directly with
6 child care providers to serve families receiving Child Care
7 Connection Hawaii subsidies for the pilot program established in
8 subsection (a). The pilot program shall provide, at a minimum:

9 (1) Infant and toddler slots in licensed infant and
10 toddler child care centers or registered family child
11 care homes;

12 (2) At least one hundred slots; provided that at least one
13 slot is contracted for each of the islands of Kauai,
14 Oahu, Molokai, Maui, and Hawaii; and

15 (3) Contracts with child care providers of at least two
16 years' duration.

17 (c) The department of human services may contract with a
18 service provider in accordance with chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, to administer the infant and toddler child care
20 contracted slots pilot program.



1 (d) The department of human services shall submit annual
2 reports on the development and administration of the pilot
3 program established in subsection (a), including families'
4 satisfaction and impacts to child care providers' stability, and
5 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
6 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
7 2024, 2025, and 2026.

8 (e) The department of human services shall submit a final
9 report on the pilot program established in subsection (a),
10 including families' satisfaction and impacts to child care
11 providers' stability, and any proposed legislation, to the
12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the regular session of 2027.

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 2023-2024 and
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2024-2025 for the infant and toddler child care contracted
19 slots pilot program established pursuant to section 2 of this
20 Act.



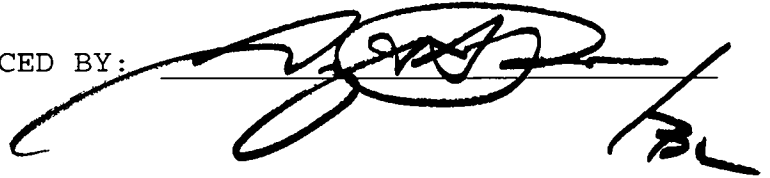
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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023, and
4 shall repeal on June 30, 2027.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Child Care; Contracted Slots; Infants; Toddlers; Pilot Program;
Child Care Connection Hawaii; Subsidies; Department of Human
Services; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish and administer a two-year Infant and Toddler Child Care Contracted Slots Pilot Program. Requires annual reports on the pilot program's development and administration to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2027.

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