

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CHILDCARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that offering childcare
2 services for public employees can significantly enhance
3 workforce development and recruitment by attracting a broader
4 pool of talent, improving retention through increased job
5 satisfaction, and boosting productivity by reducing absenteeism
6 and enabling employees to focus better on their work.
7 Additionally, it fosters economic security for families and
8 contributes to community development, making it a valuable
9 investment for public employers.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
11 office of the governor to establish a state childcare facility
12 for state employees and their children.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2026-2027 for the establishment of a state childcare



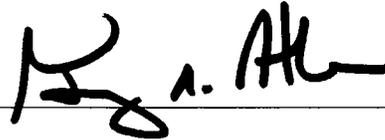
1 facility for state employees and their children ages two and
2 below; provided that the office of the governor may contract for
3 services with providers and nonprofits, including the university
4 of Hawaii.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
6 the governor for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 833

Report Title:

Office of the Governor; Childcare; Future Caucus; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the office of the governor for a state childcare facility for state employees and their families.

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