
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CARE CENTERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that access to
2 affordable, quality child and elderly care services remains a
3 critical challenge for Hawaii's working families. The cost of
4 facilities represents one of the largest barriers for care
5 providers to establish and maintain sustainable operations
6 throughout the State. The State can play a pivotal role in
7 expanding access to care services by incorporating dedicated
8 care facilities into new state building construction and major
9 renovation projects, simultaneously addressing the facilities
10 cost barrier for care providers while maximizing the utility of
11 state buildings to serve Hawaii's families. The State can also
12 charge care facility operators below-market rents, and those
13 savings may be applied toward recruiting staff, paying higher
14 wages, charging a lower tuition, and expanding enrollment.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
16 accounting and general services to conduct a feasibility study



1 on the costs of establishing child care centers in state
2 buildings.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The department of accounting and general
4 services shall conduct a feasibility study that includes
5 estimates of the costs associated with the implementation of
6 dedicated spaces for child care centers in state buildings. The
7 study shall:

8 (1) Identify and define, as necessary, a philosophy,
9 program parameters, and regulatory requirements
10 associated with child care centers;

11 (2) Develop criteria to be considered in the
12 identification and selection of facilities deemed
13 suitable to accommodate child care centers. The
14 criteria may include:

15 (A) Child welfare, health, and safety;

16 (B) Facility location in relation to potential users
17 and adjacent potentially incompatible
18 occupancies;

19 (C) Availability of underutilized or unutilized space
20 in the facility, the configuration of the space,



1 and the suitability of the space to be converted
2 to child care center use;

3 (D) Availability of suitable outdoor areas for child
4 care recreation space;

5 (E) Vehicular circulation patterns within and
6 adjacent to the facility, including potential
7 suitability for short-term parking to facilitate
8 drop-offs and pick-ups of children; and

9 (F) Proximity of other public and private child care
10 centers that may impact the demand for the new
11 state child care facility and the potential
12 impact the new state child care facility may have
13 on the market demand for existing child care
14 centers.

15 (3) Develop child care center design criteria. The
16 criteria shall include:

17 (A) Number and ages of children to be accommodated;

18 (B) Sizes of classrooms and other similar spaces;

19 (C) Number and type of bathroom facilities;

20 (D) Food storage, preparation, and serving
21 requirements;



1 (E) Other storage requirements;
2 (F) Indoor and outdoor recreation space requirements;
3 and
4 (G) Other required and desirable characteristics;
5 (4) Develop criteria and procedures for operator
6 qualification, selection, and contracting;
7 (5) Identify the state agency or any other individual or
8 entity to whom responsibility for administration of
9 the program should be assigned;
10 (6) Prepare an estimate of the planning, design, and
11 construction costs anticipated for implementation of
12 an average child care center in a state building; and
13 (7) Complete other tasks as appropriate and necessary for
14 the study.
15 (b) The department of accounting and general services
16 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
17 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
19 of 2027.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2491.

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Report Title:

DAGS; State Buildings; Child Care; Dedicated Spaces; Feasibility Study; Report

Description:

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to conduct a feasibility study on establishing dedicated child care centers in state buildings. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 1/1/2491. (SD1)

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