



GOV. MSG. NO. **865**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

May 29, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 29, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1170 SD1 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN.
(ACT 107)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 29 2007

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 107
S.B. NO. 1170
S.D. 1
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C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's healthy
2 start program began as a child abuse prevention pilot project in
3 1985. It was expanded statewide in 2001 to prevent child abuse
4 and neglect and to promote child health and development in
5 newborns of families at risk for poor child outcomes. At one
6 time, there was concern that certain families facing substance
7 abuse, domestic violence, and mental health issues were not
8 being effectively enrolled in the program. As a result, a
9 multi-disciplinary team was established, known as enhanced
10 healthy start, to serve families at threatened harm levels of
11 risk as well as infants and toddlers confirmed as being subject
12 to abuse or neglect.

13 The following additional program changes have been
14 recommended:

15 (1) Increase prenatal intake as a means of increasing
16 engagement, retention, and effectiveness;



- 1 (2) Focus on risk factors identified on the Family Stress
- 2 Checklist at assessment;
- 3 (3) Improve the ratio of child development specialists and
- 4 clinical specialists to the number of families served;
- 5 and
- 6 (4) Develop training to keep providers abreast of state-
- 7 of-the art interventions.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize
9 funds from temporary assistance for needy families to the
10 department of human services for the healthy start program,
11 including enhanced healthy start, to address budgetary
12 shortfalls and to implement recommended improvements to the
13 program.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated or authorized from
15 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of
16 \$1,660,409 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2007-2008 and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to the department of human
19 services for the healthy start program, including enhanced
20 healthy start, for the hiring of a child development specialist
21 or clinical specialist and for provider training.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: MAY 29 2007

