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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for nearly twenty-  
2 five years the healthy start home visiting initiative has  
3 reached out to families of newborns at risk of child  
4 maltreatment and developmental delays and provided services for  
5 families needing extra parenting support. However, general  
6 funds for the program were eliminated in 2009, while services  
7 for leeward Oahu and Hilo were maintained with temporary  
8 assistance for needy families funds and are currently supported  
9 by \$3,000,000 in tobacco settlement funds.

10           The legislature further finds that because the department  
11 of health obtained federal funds and established a new home  
12 visiting network under the maternal, infant, and early childhood  
13 home visiting program, full restoration of the healthy start  
14 initiative is not needed. However, there is a need for outreach  
15 and intensive home visiting services to reduce toxic stress and  
16 enhance protective factors against child abuse and neglect among  
17 very high risk families. Based on projections from 2008, the  
18 new target group for healthy start services is estimated at



1 1,374 high risk families. The total budget needed to serve this  
2 population is \$6,558,000, of which \$3,000,000 is currently being  
3 funded through the tobacco settlement fund.

4 The purpose of this Act is to restore healthy start child  
5 abuse prevention services for families of newborns at very high  
6 risk of maltreatment and neglect across the State. This  
7 investment in our most vulnerable infants is effective and  
8 intended to reduce future expenditures for child welfare, early  
9 intervention services, special education, substance abuse, and  
10 mental health treatment services, as well as judiciary and  
11 incarceration costs.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,558,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for  
15 healthy start child abuse prevention services; provided that any  
16 unexpended and unencumbered balance of the appropriation shall  
17 not lapse at the end of fiscal year 2014-2015 and shall lapse  
18 instead on June 30, 2016.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
20 health for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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# S.B. NO. 2220

**Report Title:**

Healthy Start; Child Abuse Prevention; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for healthy start child abuse prevention services.

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