
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that inadequate dental
2 care is a serious matter as dental care has been identified as
3 one of the major health concerns for low-income adults and
4 children, the aged, blind, and people with developmental
5 disabilities. They face great challenges in accessing dental
6 care service in an appropriate and timely manner. The lack of
7 dental care for this population is profound and unacceptable.

8 The legislature further finds that the department of health
9 is optimally placed to establish community-based dental clinics
10 statewide that will provide a continuum of dental care based on
11 best practices for QUEST eligible adults and children, the aged,
12 blind, and disabled population.

13 The continuum of dental care should consist of but not be
14 limited to:

15 (1) A lead primary care dentist who is trained by an
16 accredited dental school in the treatment of
17 individuals with disabilities;



1 (2) Faculty supervision from dentists from an accredited
2 dental school providing appropriate sedation training;
3 and

4 (3) Hospital-based care for anesthesia services.

5 The purpose of this Act is to increase the State's ability
6 to address the dental-health crisis it faces regarding QUEST
7 eligible adults and children, the aged, blind, and disabled
8 population by:

9 (1) Appropriating funds to the department of health to
10 help the greatest number of individuals who need
11 dental care and maximizing the potential for this
12 assistance by minimizing administrative costs; and

13 (2) Allowing greater flexibility in the provision of this
14 care by establishing community-based dental health
15 clinics that are operated by community health centers
16 or other community-based organizations.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
19 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to establish
20 community-based dental health clinics operated by community
21 health centers or other community-based organizations to provide



1 a continuum of dental care to QUEST eligible adults and
2 children, the aged, blind, and disabled population.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



SB 3202

SD 1

HD 1

Report Title:

Dental Health

Description:

Appropriates funds for community-based dental health clinics that are operated by community health centers or other community-based organizations to assist and improve the dental-health of QUEST eligible adults and children, the aged, blind, and disabled population. (SB3202 HD1)

