
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GRANTS-IN-AID.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in June 2005,
2 Hawai'i's 30 member Economic Momentum Commission (EMC) was
3 formed with the goal of prolonging the state's current economic
4 vitality. To accomplish this, the EMC was tasked to develop an
5 action plan to sustain the state's current economic momentum
6 over the longer term, reduce the traditional peaks and valleys
7 of economic cycles, and enhance Hawai'i's natural and cultural
8 resources. Drawing members from business, government, the
9 military, cultural organizations, education, non-profits, labor
10 unions, and others, the EMC held meetings throughout the rest of
11 2005 in an effort to make recommendations to the Legislature to
12 achieve the EMC's goal.

13 One area the EMC touched on was changes to the way the
14 state delivers grants-in-aid. The EMC found that the process of
15 planning and delivering social services in Hawai'i is not well
16 coordinated and potentially leads to inefficient use of limited
17 resources. This leads to a short-term focus that inhibits
18 effective resource allocation and beneficial cooperation between



1 organizations with common interests, sacrificing potential
2 positive opportunities toward human development. The purpose of
3 this Act is to improve the process for administering grants-in-
4 aid.

5 SECTION 2. There is created a Social Services Planning
6 Committee to develop a long-range state plan which coordinates
7 the various sectors of Hawai'i's social service framework. The
8 plan shall focus on defining specific quality of life
9 indicators, improving the specific quality of life indicators,
10 establishing the criteria for grant allocation by the grant
11 review committee as established by this Act, and developing
12 industry leadership.

13 The members of this committee shall include the following,
14 or their designees:

- 15 (1) the director of human services, who shall serve as
16 chairperson of the committee;
- 17 (2) the director of the office of community services;
- 18 (3) the director of health;
- 19 (4) the chairs of the House and Senate Human Services
20 committees;
- 21 (5) the chairs of the House Finance and Senate Ways and
22 Means committees; and



1 (6) three members of the social services industry, as
2 selected by the Governor.

3 The committee created under this section shall dissolve
4 upon completion of the long-range state plan. Adoption of the
5 plan shall require a majority vote in favor of the plan.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____, or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
9 expenses of the Social Services Planning Committee.

10 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
11 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 5. Upon completion of the long-range state plan,
13 there shall be established a grant review committee to review
14 applications for grants-in-aid. The committee shall use the
15 criteria established in the long-range state plan to allocate
16 grant moneys. The members of this committee shall include the
17 following, or their designees:

18 (1) four members of the social services industry, with the
19 advice and consent of the Senate, as selected by the
20 Governor, provided that the initially appointed
21 members cannot have served on the Social Services
22 Planning Committee;



- 1 (2) three members of the public, with the advice and
- 2 consent of the Senate, as selected by the Governor;
- 3 (3) one member of the social services industry and one
- 4 member of the public, as selected by the Speaker of
- 5 the House of Representatives;
- 6 (4) one member of the social services industry and one
- 7 member of the public, as selected by the Senate
- 8 President;
- 9 (5) the director of human services;
- 10 (6) the director of the office of community services;
- 11 (7) the director of health; and
- 12 (8) the director of budget and finance.

13 Each appointed person shall serve for a six-year term, except
14 for the initial appointment of the Speaker of the House, which
15 shall be for two years, and the initial appointment of the
16 Senate President, which shall be for four years.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
18 except for sections 3 and 4, which shall take effect on July 1,
19 2006.

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Report Title:

Grants-in-aid

Description:

Changes current grants-in-aid for social services process to a community planning and delivery process.

