
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DENTAL HEALTH.

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 and has been identified as one of the
3 major health concerns for low-income adults and children, people
4 with developmental disabilities, and the uninsured. These
5 individuals continually face great challenges in accessing
6 dental care services in an appropriate and timely manner. The
7 lack of dental care for this population is profound and
8 unacceptable.

9 The legislature further finds that federally qualified
10 health centers are the appropriate and most efficient entity to
11 establish community-based dental clinics statewide that will
12 provide a continuum of dental care based on best practices for
13 QUEST-eligible adults and children and disabled population.

14 The purpose of this Act is to increase the State's ability
15 to address the dental-health crisis it faces regarding
16 QUEST-eligible adults and children, the developmentally
17 disabled, and uninsured by:



1 (1) Appropriating funds to the department of health to
 2 contract with federally qualified health centers to
 3 help the greatest number of individuals who need
 4 dental care and maximizing the potential for this
 5 assistance by minimizing administrative costs; and

6 (2) Allowing greater flexibility in the provision of this
 7 care by establishing community-based dental health
 8 clinics that are operated by federally qualified
 9 health centers or other community-based organizations.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
 13 equipment and service delivery to establish community-based
 14 dental health clinics operated by federally qualified health
 15 centers or other community-based organizations to provide a
 16 continuum of dental care to QUEST-eligible adults and children,
 17 the developmentally disabled, and the uninsured.

18 SECTION 3. The continuum of dental care should consist of
 19 but not be limited to:

20 (1) A lead primary care dentist who is trained by an
 21 accredited dental school in the treatment of
 22 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 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the

6 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Dental Health

Description:

Appropriates funds to the DOH for community-based dental health clinics that are operated by federally qualified health centers or other community-based organizations to assist and improve the dental health of QUEST-eligible adults and children, the developmentally disabled, and the uninsured. (SD2)

