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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD.

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

1           SECTION 1. Recognizing the important and unique role  
2 fathers play in the lives of their children, families, and  
3 communities, the legislature established the Hawaii commission  
4 on fatherhood in 2003. Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003,  
5 directs the commission to serve in an advisory capacity to state  
6 agencies in order to promote healthy family relationships  
7 between parents and children. The commission is authorized to  
8 make recommendations on programs, services, and contracts  
9 relating to children and families. It is attached to the  
10 department of human services for administrative purposes.

11           In order to implement its strategic plan and otherwise  
12 fulfill its responsibilities, the commission must hire an  
13 executive director and staff. Doing so would enable the  
14 commission to:

15           (1) Complete a statewide analysis of service provision to  
16 fathers;



- 1           (2) Develop policy recommendations on best practices for  
2           serving fathers via state agencies and their service  
3           providers;
- 4           (3) Develop, support, and advocate for legislation that  
5           facilitates father involvement in the lives of  
6           children;
- 7           (4) Issue an annual report on the status of fatherhood  
8           issues in Hawaii;
- 9           (5) Operate year-round public awareness campaigns about  
10          the importance of father involvement in the lives of  
11          children;
- 12          (6) Provide information and resources related to effective  
13          fathering and the parenting support available to  
14          fathers and families;
- 15          (7) Present the annual Parent-Friendly Business Award; and
- 16          (8) Administer appropriated funds, seek and leverage funds  
17          from other sources, and award grants to other  
18          organizations.

19          The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
20          state commission of fatherhood.

21          SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
22          revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$122,000, or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to hire  
 2 an executive director and staff to carry out the purposes of  
 3 this Act.

4 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
 5 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Commission on Fatherhood; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the state commission on fatherhood.

