
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DONATED DENTAL SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that donated dental
2 services began as a pilot project in Colorado in 1985 and has
3 since become operational in thirty-four states, including
4 Hawaii, through the National Foundation for Dentistry for the
5 Handicapped. This foundation is a charitable affiliate of the
6 American Dental Association. The donated dental services
7 program links eligible individuals who are elderly or disabled
8 with volunteer dentists who provide needed dental care services.

9 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii program began
10 in January 2002 and is administered by the department of health,
11 through the state council on developmental disabilities. Since
12 the program started, eighty-seven individuals received completed
13 dental care services with a total value of treatment of
14 \$230,045. The program involves sixty-one volunteer dentists and
15 nineteen volunteer dental laboratories.

16 In an effort to address and support the dental care needs
17 of people who are elderly or disabled in Hawaii, the legislature
18 appropriated \$83,320 to the program for fiscal year 2001-2002



1 and fiscal year 2002-2003. An appropriation of \$30,765 was
2 appropriated by the legislature for fiscal year 2004-2005.

3 The donated dental services program has been extremely
4 successful due to the legislature's continuous support through
5 appropriations since its inception. Without additional
6 financial support, the donated dental services program in Hawaii
7 will end.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to continue
9 implementation of the donated dental services program in Hawaii.

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 the
13 donated dental services program in Hawaii.

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

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

Report Title:

Donated Dental Services; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the donated dental services program for the elderly, disabled, or medically compromised. (SD2)

