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S.B. NO. 2726

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Developmental disabilities residential service
2 providers provide important residential care services for
3 individuals with developmental disabilities or mental
4 retardation. Presently, the providers of these services are not
5 being adequately reimbursed by the State for the high quality,
6 community-based residential services they provide to these
7 individuals. As a result, in the last several years providers
8 were forced to close at least nine community-based developmental
9 disabilities residences due to a lack of funding. It is
10 probable that many more of these residential options will be
11 closed if adequate funding is not provided. This would deny
12 hundreds of persons with developmental disabilities viable and
13 proven successful community-based residential options.
14 Furthermore, this would aggravate the severe shortage of housing
15 for low-income persons, especially those with developmental
16 disabilities. Without the necessary funding, many viable
17 residential options now operating are likely to close and be
18 lost to the State.

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1 The legislature enacted Act 168, Session Laws of Hawaii
2 2005, authorizing the department of health to enter into
3 contracts for additional payments for residential services to
4 the providers of developmental disabilities domiciliary homes
5 and operators of developmental disabilities apartment complexes.
6 Act 236, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, appropriated \$485,000 for
7 fiscal year 2005-2006 to implement Act 168; however, no funds
8 have been appropriated for fiscal year 2006-2007 for this
9 purpose.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
11 maintenance and operations of developmental disabilities
12 domiciliary homes and apartment complexes.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
16 provide for continued operation of developmental disabilities
17 domiciliary homes and apartment complexes for persons with
18 developmental disabilities.

19 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the



1 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Developmentally Disabled; Residential Services; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to fund operations of developmental disabilities domiciliary homes and apartment projects for the developmentally disabled.

