

JAN 25 2006

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOCIAL RECIPROCITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Many Hawaii residents volunteer their time to
2 benefit others. The legislature finds that a structured program
3 that credits volunteers for donated hours would substantially
4 increase the level of volunteer activity and address community
5 needs, including child care and long-term care for the elderly.

6 A volunteer-hours exchange program allocates a credit for
7 each hour of service that a person volunteers. The credits can
8 be exchanged for a service that a person needs or a person can
9 donate credits to another person. For instance, a person would
10 receive a credit for providing transportation services to an
11 elderly person in need. The person can then use the credit to
12 obtain chore services or donate the credit to someone else in
13 need of services. These programs support, encourage, and
14 coordinate reciprocity among residents. Similar programs known
15 as time dollar programs are being conducted successfully in
16 Florida and Missouri and can serve as models.

17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
18 executive office on aging to develop a volunteer-hours exchange



1 program based on the time dollar programs that are being
 2 conducted in Florida and Missouri. The funds are to be
 3 allocated between a planning and public education program, and
 4 two pilot projects, one in conjunction with Hawaii county's
 5 retired and senior volunteer program and the other in Honolulu
 6 in conjunction with Project Dana.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000, or so much
 9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
 10 executive office on aging to develop a volunteer-hours exchange
 11 program and fund the two pilot projects.

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

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

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SB. NO. 2804

Report Title:

Appropriation; Social Reciprocity

Description:

Appropriates funds to the executive office on aging to develop a volunteer-hours exchange program.

