A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii civil

2 rights commission currently carries a caseload of 360 complaints

3 under investigation, with 370-450 new complaints filed annually.

4 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii civil rights

5 commission has taken steps to reduce the length of time

6 necessary for the completion of the investigation of a complaint

7 from three years to two years, and eventually to eighteen

8 months. The Hawaii civil rights commission staffs four

9 enforcement attorneys, each assigned an average of twenty-five

10 cases. Efforts to handle this caseload have been hampered in

11 the recent past due to the termination of all student

12 employment. A successful program implemented by the Hawaii

13 civil rights commission, the voluntary mediation program, also

14 has been hindered due to a lack of support.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for three

16 positions: an investigator, a legal assistant, and an attorney

17 mediation coordinator, in order to provide necessary support to

18 the Hawaii civil rights commission.

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1   SECTION 2.   There is appropriated out of the general

2   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $134,340, or so much

3   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the

4   establishment of one full-time investigator IV position (1.00

5   FTE), one full-time legal assistant position (1.00 FTE), and one

6   attorney mediation coordinator (1.00 FTE) at the Hawaii civil

7   rights commission.

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

9   department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of

10   this Act.

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

Report Title:
Public Employment; Hawaii Civil Rights Commission; Positions; Appropriation

Description:
Appropriates funds for an investigator, legal assistant, and attorney mediation coordinator positions for fiscal year 2006-2007. (SD1)