
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.



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.

PROPOSED

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)

