
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 three hundred
3 sixty complaints under investigation, with three hundred seventy
4 to four hundred fifty new complaints filed annually. The
5 legislature further finds that the Hawaii civil rights
6 commission has taken steps to reduce the length of time
7 necessary for the completion of the investigation of a complaint
8 from three years to two years, and eventually to eighteen
9 months. The Hawaii civil rights commission staffs four
10 enforcement attorneys, each assigned an average of twenty-five
11 cases. Efforts to handle this caseload have been hampered in
12 the recent past due to the termination of all student
13 employment. A successful program implemented by the Hawaii
14 civil rights commission, the voluntary mediation program, also
15 has been hindered due to a lack of staff support.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for three
17 positions: an investigator, a legal assistant, and an attorney



1 mediation coordinator, in order to provide necessary support to
2 the Hawaii civil rights commission.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
6 establishment of one full-time investigator IV position (1.00
7 FTE), one full-time legal assistant position (1.00 FTE), and one
8 attorney mediation coordinator (1.00 FTE) at the Hawaii civil
9 rights commission.

10 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
11 department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of
12 this Act.

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

Report Title:

Public Employment; Hawaii Civil Rights Commission; Positions;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates an unspecified amount for an investigator, legal
assistant, and attorney mediation coordinator positions for
fiscal year 2006-2007. (SD2)

