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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR NA KEIKI LAW CENTER.

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

1           SECTION 1. The Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii's Na  
2 Keiki Law Center exclusively focuses on the legal needs and  
3 rights of children by providing guidance and legal services to  
4 children and their families in need. The center also provides  
5 legal education and support to professionals working with  
6 children, including teachers, social workers, foster parents and  
7 others. The center offers legal representation for children who  
8 are at risk of being or have been abused or neglected, legal  
9 support for children who are witnesses of domestic violence or  
10 other crimes, and assistance for children who are at risk of  
11 being or are homeless. All of these services allow the center  
12 to fulfill its main purpose of protecting children.

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 Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii's Na Keiki Law Center to fund  
17 legal services to children.



1 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
2 judiciary for the purposes of this Act.

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



SB3237, SD1

**Report Title:**

Legal Services to Children; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii Na Keiki Law Center to provide legal services and support to children and their families in need. (SD1)

