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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY PLANNING.

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

1           SECTION 1. In 2006, the Guttmacher Institute, a leading  
2 national policy and research agency, published a report ranking  
3 Hawaii fiftieth among the states in public funding for women  
4 accessing contraceptive services and supplies. The Guttmacher  
5 Institute report estimated that approximately sixty two thousand  
6 women in Hawaii need publicly supported contraceptive services  
7 and supplies because they have incomes below two hundred fifty  
8 per cent of the federal poverty level or are sexually active  
9 teenagers. In response to this report, Hawaii state legislature  
10 in 2006 adopted H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1, which requested the  
11 department of health to convene a working group to determine  
12 family planning funding needs for legislative consideration.

13           The department of health's family planning program convened  
14 a series of working group meetings, with twelve organizations  
15 represented, to determine the family planning funding needs. On  
16 November 20, 2006, the family planning program issued a report  
17 with its findings and recommendations. To effectively improve  
18 the State's reproductive health services and reduce unintended



1 pregnancies in Hawaii, the H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1 working group  
2 recommended that clinical services, health education, and  
3 outreach services be expanded and upgraded as a system to  
4 improve access to these currently fragmented services.

5 The H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1 working group found that Hawaii  
6 reduced its state funds for publicly supported family planning  
7 services by ninety per cent in the mid nineties and has never  
8 reinstated this funding. In addition, Hawaii currently has the  
9 twelfth highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation.

10 The H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1 working group also recommends  
11 that increased public awareness of the health benefits of  
12 planned pregnancy, use of contraceptives, child spacing, and  
13 clinic locations is crucial to reducing Hawaii's unintended  
14 pregnancy rate.

15 The purpose of this Act is to provide an integrated and  
16 comprehensive approach to family planning and contraceptive  
17 services for Hawaii's women, teens, and men by:

- 18 (1) Providing funding for family planning and  
19 contraception services; and  
20 (2) Providing funding for family planning health education  
21 and outreach services.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,443,750, or so  
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
 4 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 5 year 2008-2009, for family planning and contraceptive services.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 7 health for the purposes of this section.

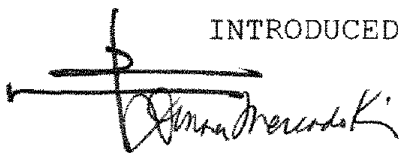
8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,540,000, or so  
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
 11 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 12 year 2008-2009, to: increase the family planning health  
 13 educator contracts to full-time; double the number of health  
 14 educators statewide; add funding for educational materials,  
 15 multi-media equipment, and training; and add new and innovative  
 16 outreach services of hard-to-reach populations.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 18 health for the purposes of this section.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Family Planning; Contraception; Health Education

**Description:**

Provides funding for family planning clinical and contraceptive services; family planning health educators; education materials, multi-media equipment, and training; new outreach services.

