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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSISTING PERSONS UNDER A COMPACT OF FREE
ASSOCIATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Senate Resolution No 142, S.D. 1, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2007, established a task force to investigate and
3 coordinate the provision of medical and social services to
4 individuals present in Hawaii under the Compacts of Free
5 Association currently in place between the United States and the
6 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
7 Islands, and the Republic of Palau. One of the recommendations
8 of the task force was to create a state coordinator position to
9 assess and enhance the delivery of self-sufficiency services to
10 individuals under the Compacts. Self-sufficiency services
11 include resources provided by the departments of education,
12 labor, health, and human services, as well as by local service
13 providers. It was the vision of the task force that the
14 coordinator would promote partnerships among government
15 agencies, community-based organizations, and the citizens at-
16 large of the State in an effort to improve the living conditions
17 of individuals under the Compacts.



1 The purpose of this Act is to enact this recommendation of
2 the task force.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§371- Compacts of Free Association; coordinator. There
7 is established within the department of labor and industrial
8 relations one full-time coordinator position. The coordinator's
9 duties shall include the assessment and enhancement of the
10 delivery of self-sufficiency services to individuals present in
11 Hawaii under the Compacts of Free Association. Self-sufficiency
12 services include resources provided to the individuals by the
13 departments of education, labor, health, and human services, as
14 well as by local service providers. The coordinator shall
15 promote partnerships among government agencies, community-based
16 organizations, and the citizens at-large of the State in an
17 effort to improve the living conditions of the individuals
18 present in Hawaii under the Compacts of Free Association."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
22 create and support the full-time coordinator position



1 established by this Act for the delivery of self-sufficiency
2 services to individuals present in Hawaii under the Compacts of
3 Free Association.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Compacts of Free Association; Coordinator; Appropriation

Description:

Creates one state coordinator position within the department of labor and industrial relations to assist individuals present in Hawaii under the various Compacts of Free Association; makes appropriation.

