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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that inadequate dental  
2 care is a serious matter and has been identified as one of the  
3 major health concerns for low-income adults and children,  
4 individuals with developmental disabilities, and the uninsured.  
5 These individuals continually face great challenges in obtaining  
6 dental care services in an appropriate and timely manner, and  
7 the legislature finds this to be unacceptable.

8           The legislature further finds that federally-qualified  
9 health centers are the most appropriate and efficient entities  
10 in which to establish community-based dental clinics that will  
11 provide a continuum of dental care based on best practices for  
12 QUEST-eligible adults and children, individuals with  
13 developmental disabilities, and the uninsured.

14           The purpose of this Act is to improve the State's ability  
15 to address this dental health crisis by appropriating funds to  
16 establish or expand community-based dental health clinics



1 operated by federally-qualified health centers to serve this  
2 population.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2008-2009 to establish or expand community-based dental  
8 health clinics operated by federally-qualified health centers to  
9 provide a continuum of dental care to QUEST-eligible adults and  
10 children, individuals with developmental disabilities, and the  
11 uninsured.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of health for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

Dental Health

**Description:**

Makes appropriations to establish or expand community-based dental health clinics that are operated by federally-qualified health centers to provide a continuum of dental care to QUEST-eligible adults and children, the developmentally disabled, and the uninsured. (SD2)

