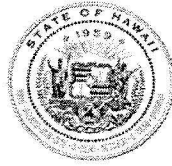


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HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

February 7, 2008

HB 2897

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSET BUILDING.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2897.

HRS Chapter 103F on Purchases of Health and Human Services, defines health and human services as “services to communities, families, or individuals which are intended to maintain or improve health or social well-being.” HAR Section 3-140-101 states in part that health and human services include, but are not limited to “assessment, treatment, diagnosis, prevention, and education services provided directly to a target clientele.” Conducting and expanding asset building classes to serve individuals with disabilities and parents of children with a disability in developing skills are health and human services applicable to HRS Chapter 103F. Whereas HRS Chapter 103D is the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, applicable to the procurement of goods, services, and construction, HRS Chapter 103F is the appropriate designated chapter to conduct procurements for asset building services.

The State Procurement Office recommends the following change to page 3, line 15 of Section 2 to read as:

The department of human services may enter into contracts pursuant to chapter ~~[103D]~~ 103F to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2897 - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSET BUILDING**

Hearing: Thursday, February 7, 2008; 9:15 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

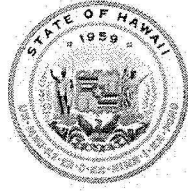
PURPOSE: This bill establishes a three-year pilot project within the Department of Human Services to conduct and expand asset building classes statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and the parents of children with a disability.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services supports the intent of this bill but has concerns that the appropriation needed to implement this bill may adversely impact the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget. The Department is also concerned that the bill has no provision to evaluate and inventory the existing services to determine if there is a need to establish new services for this population.

The Department currently already spends millions in TANF funds and State dollars for support, evaluation and training of this target population. This bill's requirement to assign additional TANF funds to these programs may result in cutting existing programs that the Department funds through TANF to assist needy families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Housing
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Dear Representative Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 2897 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSET BUILDING

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health and Human Services (DHS).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 2897**. The purpose of the bill is to direct DHS to establish a three-year pilot project, beginning with Fiscal Year 2008-2009, to conduct and expand asset-building classes statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and parents of children with a disability in developing skills.

The Council is not familiar with the assets building classes offered by DHS. However, we see this as a bridge for using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds and State funds to enhance capacity of individuals with disabilities and parents of children with a disability in developing skills for navigating the service delivery system, career development, increasing computer literacy, etc.

We defer to DHS for the use of TANF funds and the cost of establishing and implementing the three-year pilot project. We note that this bill is the same as HB 2427-Relating to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families on the same agenda. The only difference is the title of the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony supporting the intent of HB 2897.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator