
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature established the state
2 commission on fatherhood in 2003 in recognition of the important
3 and unique role fathers play in the lives of their children,
4 families, and communities. Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii
5 2003, as amended by Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, and
6 Act 232, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, as amended by Act 190,
7 Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, directs the commission to serve in
8 an advisory capacity to state agencies to promote healthy family
9 relationships between parents and children. In recognition of
10 the commission's value and the need to continue to promote and
11 support healthy families in Hawaii, the legislature established
12 the commission as a permanent entity within the State in 2007.

13 The legislature further finds that it is necessary for the
14 commission to hire an executive director and appropriate staff
15 to implement its strategic plan that includes the following
16 goals and objectives:

- 1 (1) Complete a statewide analysis of services available to
2 fathers;
- 3 (2) Develop policy recommendations on best practices for
4 serving fathers via state agencies and their service
5 providers;
- 6 (3) Develop, support, and advocate legislation that
7 facilitates father involvement in the lives of
8 children;
- 9 (4) Operate year-round public awareness campaigns about
10 the importance of father involvement in the lives of
11 children;
- 12 (5) Make available to fathers and families, information,
13 resources, and events related to effective fathering,
14 and parenting support available;
- 15 (6) Implement a parent-friendly business award program;
- 16 (7) Raise and administer funds for the commission's work
17 and the work of organizations it funds through grants;
- 18 (8) Publish an annual report on the status of fatherhood
19 issues in Hawaii; and
- 20 (9) Identify and promote new laws, policies, and best
21 practices to improve father involvement.

1 SECTION 2. Section 577E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) All members shall serve for a term of [~~two~~] four
4 years. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the
5 commission shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired
6 term in the same manner as the original appointments. No member
7 shall serve on the commission for more than two terms; provided
8 that, if a member fills a vacancy and serves for the remainder
9 of an unexpired term, that member shall be considered to have
10 served one term."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

State Commission on Fatherhood

Description:

Changes terms of members of the State Commission on fatherhood members' from 2 to 4 years. (SD2)