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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 371K-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§371K-3 General functions, duties, and powers of the**
4 **executive director.** The executive director shall:

5 (1) Serve as the principal official in state government
6 responsible for the coordination of programs for the
7 needy, poor, and disadvantaged persons, refugees, and
8 immigrants;

9 (2) Oversee, supervise, and direct the performance by
10 subordinates of activities in such areas as planning,
11 evaluation, and coordination of programs for
12 disadvantaged persons, refugees, and immigrants and
13 development of a statewide service delivery network;

14 (3) Assess the policies and practices of public and
15 private agencies impacting on the disadvantaged and
16 conduct advocacy efforts on behalf of the
17 disadvantaged, refugees, and immigrants;

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- 1 (4) Devise and recommend legislative and administrative
2 actions for the improvement of services for the
3 disadvantaged, refugees, and immigrants;
- 4 (5) Serve as a member of advisory boards and panels of
5 state agencies in such areas as child development
6 programs, elder programs, social services programs,
7 health and medical assistance programs, refugee
8 assistance programs, and immigrant services programs;
- 9 (6) Administer funds allocated for the office of community
10 services; and apply for, receive, and disburse grants
11 and donations from all sources for programs and
12 services to assist the disadvantaged, refugees, and
13 immigrants;
- 14 (7) Adopt, amend, and repeal rules pursuant to chapter 91
15 for purposes of this chapter;
- 16 (8) Retain such staff as may be necessary for the purposes
17 of this chapter, who may be exempt from chapters 76
18 ; and
- 19 (9) Contract for services as may be necessary for the
20 purposes of this chapter[+].
- 21 ~~[(10) Orient members of the advisory council to the goals,~~
22 ~~functions, and programs of the office; and~~

1 ~~(11) Seek the input of council members on all matters~~
2 ~~pertaining to the functions of the office.]”~~

3 SECTION 2. Section 371K-5 and Section 371K-6, Hawaii
4 Revised Statutes, are repealed.

5 ~~["§371K-5] Advisory council for community services;~~
6 ~~composition and compensation. (a) There is established within~~
7 ~~the office of community services, the advisory council for~~
8 ~~community services, herein referred to as council, except as~~
9 ~~otherwise indicated. The council shall be composed of twelve~~
10 ~~members appointed by the governor subject to section 26-34,~~
11 ~~except as provided in this section. Members shall have had~~
12 ~~training, experience, or special knowledge concerning human~~
13 ~~services programs. Of the twelve members:~~

14 ~~(1) Four members shall be representatives of client groups~~
15 ~~served by the office of community services which shall~~
16 ~~include: one member from the client group previously~~
17 ~~served by the progressive neighborhood program; one~~
18 ~~member from the client group previously served by the~~
19 ~~Hawaii office of economic opportunity; one member from~~
20 ~~the client group previously served by the refugee~~
21 ~~resettlement program; and one member from the client~~

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1 ~~group previously served by the state immigrant~~
2 ~~services center;~~

3 ~~(2) Two members shall be representatives of private~~
4 ~~organizations which are engaged in the planning or~~
5 ~~delivery of human services; and~~

6 ~~(3) Six members shall be from the general public, at least~~
7 ~~one representative from each county, provided that not~~
8 ~~more than three shall be from Oahu.~~

9 ~~(b) Members of the council shall serve without~~
10 ~~compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,~~
11 ~~including travel expenses, necessary for performance~~
12 ~~of their duties.~~

13 ~~[\$371K-6] Council, duties. The council shall:~~

14 ~~(1) Advise the executive director, the governor, and the~~
15 ~~legislature on matters relating to programs and~~
16 ~~services for the disadvantaged, refugees, and~~
17 ~~immigrants;~~

18 ~~(2) Assist the executive director in determining program~~
19 ~~and policy needs and priorities for the State in~~
20 ~~establishing and implementing a comprehensive program~~
21 ~~for the disadvantaged, refugees, and immigrants in~~

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1 ~~accordance with the goals and objectives expressed in~~
2 ~~this chapter;~~

3 ~~(3) Assist the executive director in formulating short-~~
4 ~~term and long-range goals for programs and services~~
5 ~~for the disadvantaged, refugees, and immigrants;~~

6 ~~(4) Assist the executive director in consulting with and~~
7 ~~seeking the opinion of the general public in relation~~
8 ~~to a comprehensive system of programs and services for~~
9 ~~the disadvantaged, refugees, and immigrants;~~

10 ~~(5) Assist the executive director in the evaluation of~~
11 ~~general and specific policies relating to the needs of~~
12 ~~the disadvantaged, refugees, and immigrants; and~~

13 ~~(6) Assist the executive director in encouraging both~~
14 ~~public and private agencies and programs to work~~
15 ~~toward the development and maintenance of a~~
16 ~~comprehensive and coordinated system for human~~
17 ~~services."]~~

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

BY REQUEST

Report Title:

Advisory Council for Community Services

Description:

Abolishes the Advisory Council for Community Services.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Labor and Industrial Relations

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to abolish the Advisory Council for Community Services.

MEANS: Amend section 371K-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and repeal sections 371K-5 and 371K-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Advisory Council for Community Services has been effectively defunct for over a decade, with no current members. This bill would align with the Governor's plan to eliminate unnecessary and/or ineffective policy bodies.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
As the Council has been defunct for some time, the impact would be negligible.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: LBR 903.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.