
A BILL FOR AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING
AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND
SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The vocational rehabilitation and services for
2 the blind division of the department of human services
3 administers the Hoopono program to provide services for the
4 blind and the visually-impaired. The goal of Hoopono is to
5 enable students of the program to:

6 (1) Attain maximum vocational and functional independence
7 with Hoopono's team of skilled professionals who
8 provide varied services to meet students' individual
9 needs;

10 (2) Take classes and learn new skills without the use of
11 residual vision and become proficient in the use of
12 the long cane;

13 (3) Develop a positive attitude about themselves; and

14 (4) Develop confidence and blindness skills to enable them
15 to obtain employment and make their dreams a reality.

16 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for the
17 vocational rehabilitation and services for the blind division of



1 the department of human services, to upgrade equipment and
2 facilities for the Hoopono program.

3 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is authorized to be issued for fiscal year
7 2014-2015 and the same sums are appropriated for fiscal years
8 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, respectively, for the vocational
9 rehabilitation and services for the blind division of the
10 department of human services to upgrade equipment and facilities
11 for the Hoopono program.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. The appropriations made for the capital
15 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
16 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
17 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations
18 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.
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Report Title:

Services for the Blind; Hoopono; CIP Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates unspecified funds for the department of human services, vocational rehabilitation and services for the blind division to upgrade equipment and facilities for the Hoopono program.

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