

ACT 237

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Office of Federal Programs Coordinator.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created in Washington, District of Columbia, a Hawaii office of federal programs coordinator. The office shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be appointed and removed by the governor, not subject to the provisions of chapters 3 and 4 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended. The salary of the federal programs coordinator shall be \$15,000 per annum. The coordinator shall appoint necessary staff, within available appropriations, subject to the provisions of chapters 3 and 4 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended. The coordinator and his staff shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to the officers and employees of the State.

The office is hereby placed within the department of budget and finance for administrative purposes.

SECTION 2. The coordinator shall:

(a) Provide a mechanism by which federal, state and local agencies can coordinate their plans, policies and activities;

(b) Create congressional awareness and understanding of the needs and potentials of the State of Hawaii;

(c) Encourage and advise state departments, universities or other appropriate state and local agencies in Hawaii of the availability of and the requirements of federal grants;

(d) Advise and provide necessary factual data to Congress and our congressional delegation;

(e) Recommend to the governor and the administration the types and necessity of either legislative or administrative action in order that the State of Hawaii may avail itself of beneficial federal programs;

(f) Maintain contacts with federal, state and local officials and agencies so that the programs of all levels of government may be coordinated;

(g) Cooperate with our congressional delegation in promoting federal legislative or administrative action which may be beneficial to Hawaii;

(h) Appear before congressional committees in support of or in opposition to legislation which affects Hawaii;

(i) Perform such other services as may be required by the governor and the legislature;

(j) Administer funds allocated to this office; be authorized to accept, disburse and allocate funds which may become available from other governmental units; provided that all such funds shall be disbursed or allocated in compliance with any specific designation stated by the donating governmental unit and in the absence of such specific designation, such funds shall be disbursed or allocated on projects directly benefiting the people of the State of Hawaii in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and

(k) Submit to the governor and legislature reports as requested and submit an annual report with recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the office of federal programs coordinator for the fiscal year 1965-1966; \$15,000 of said appropriation shall be for the salary of the federal programs coordinator and \$15,000 shall be for necessary staff and office expenses of said office. The office may for the fiscal year 1965-1966 hire necessary temporary personnel; in subsequent fiscal years the governor may include in his operating budget such sums as he may deem necessary for the continuation and operations of said program.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved July 8, 1965.) **S.B. 389.**