

ACT 261

A Bill for an Act Relating to Expanding Research and Programs on Problems of the Aged and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of purpose. The legislature hereby declares that, in keeping with the traditional American concept of the inherent dignity of the individual in our democratic society, the older people of our State are entitled to, and it is the joint and several duty and responsibility of the State of Hawaii and its counties to enable our older people to secure equal opportunity to the full and free enjoyment of the following:

(a) An adequate income in retirement in accordance with the American standard of living.

(b) The best possible physical and mental health which science can make available, without regard to economic status.

(c) Suitable housing, independently selected, designed and located with reference to special needs and available at costs which older citizens can afford.

(d) Full restorative services for those who require institutional care.

(e) Opportunity for employment with no discriminatory personnel practices because of age.

(f) Retirement in health, honor and dignity.

(g) Pursuit of meaningful activity within the widest range of civic, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

(h) Efficient community services which provide social assistance in a coordinated manner and which are readily available when needed.

(i) Immediate benefit from proven research knowledge which can sustain and improve health and happiness.

(j) Freedom, independence, and the free exercise of individual initiative in planning and managing their own lives.

SECTION 2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act—

(a) "Commission" means the State Commission on Aging as defined by section 109B-1, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended.

(b) "Committees" mean the County Committees on Aging as defined by section 109B-3, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended;

(c) The term "Director" means the Director of the Commission on Aging;

(d) The term "nonprofit institution or organization" means an institution or organization which is owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

SECTION 3. Research, planning, services, facilities and training fund. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Research, Planning, Services, Facilities and Training Fund". The fund shall consist of contributions from any source, appropriations made available by the federal, state or local governments for the purposes of this Act, and any interest or other income earned from investments of the fund.

SECTION 4. Purpose of the fund. The fund shall be used for:

(a) Research, planning, development and coordination of programs and facilities designed for older persons;

(b) Demonstration programs or activities which are beneficial to older persons;

(c) Training or special personnel needed to carry out programs designed for older persons; or

(d) Establishing new or expanding existing programs for older persons which provide (1) recreational and other leisure time activities; (2) informational, health, welfare, counseling or referral services; or (3) assistance to older persons in providing volunteer community or civic services.

SECTION 5. Authority of Commission. The commission may by way of grant to or contract with the committees, any public or nonprofit private agency, organization or institution or any private person:

(a) for research or developmental projects and facilities which are or may be beneficial to older persons;

(b) for the specialized training of persons employed or prepared for employment in carrying out programs designed for older persons;

(c) for informational, health, welfare counseling or referral services;

(d) for educational programs for maintenance of health and development of vocational interests and skills;

(e) for enlisting and training older persons for voluntary civic services;

(f) for opportunities for development of constructive use of retirement time; or

(g) for transmission of arts, skills or culture of older persons to the younger people.

The commission may adopt, amend or repeal necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. It may, to the extent it deems appropriate, require the recipient of any grant or contract to contribute money, facilities, or services to carry out the project for which such grant or contract is made.

SECTION 6. There is hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the research, planning, services, facilities and training fund, for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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