

ACT 34

H. B. 311.

A Bill for an Act Amending Section 50-23, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended, Relating to Compensation for Labor Performed by Patients at Hansen's Disease Hospitals, and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of facts constituting such urgency:

Labor and services essential to the continued operation and maintenance of state hospitals, settlements and places for the care and treatment of persons suffering from Hansen's disease, are performed, in large measure, by patients, temporary release patients and discharged patients therefrom, compensation for which, being less than otherwise required to obtain comparable services of nonpatient employees, results in substantial savings to the State. However, such services have not been compensated commensurate with the increased cost of living and rising public revenues. It is in the public interest that a pay increase be immediately given to engender further and continued participation by patient employees at Hansen's disease facilities, and to maintain their morale and efficiency at a high level.

SECTION 2. Section 50-23, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting therefrom the figures "70" and "60" appearing in the first paragraph and substituting therefor the figures "75" and "65", respectively.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$7,095.00 to be expended during the period 1968-69 to pay the increase in pay provided by this section.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1968.

(Approved May 7, 1968.)