

A Bill for an Act Relating to Progressive Neighborhoods Program.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this Act, "Act 299" means Act 299, Session Laws of Hawaii 1967, as amended by Act 52, Session Laws of Hawaii 1968.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Act 299 is amended in the following respects:

(1) By amending paragraph (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The task force shall be appointed by the governor. The basic members of the task force shall be the state administrative director, the director of social services, the director of health, the superintendent of education, the director of labor and industrial relations, a judge of the family court of the first circuit, the president of the university of Hawaii, the director of the Hawaii office of economic opportunity, and three members of the general public or their representatives. The task force shall also include at least two citizens of the target area, the exact number being left to the discretion of the governor. In the event the task force undertakes its endeavors in a neighborhood other than on the island of Oahu, the task force shall also include a judge of the family court of the circuit in which the neighborhood is located. The state administrative director shall serve as chairman."

(2) By amending paragraph (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The task force shall meet at least once a month while studying a particular target neighborhood. Citizen members of the task force shall be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$20 per meeting attended. The task force shall undertake its endeavors in those areas selected by the basic members of the task force; except that it shall commence its endeavors with the Nanakuli-Waianae and Kalihi-Palama areas.”

(3) By deleting paragraphs (d) and (e).

SECTION 3. Part IV of Act 299 is amended in the following respects:

(1) By amending the Part heading to read as follows:

“CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROJECTS”.

(2) By amending section 9 to read as follows:

“9. **Authorization.** The department of health is authorized to establish children and youth projects to provide comprehensive health services for the children and youths in areas determined by the governor, upon recommendation of the task force, to be in need of such projects.”

SECTION 4. Act 299 is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately numbered and to read as follows:

“PART . COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS.

Section . **Purpose.** The problems faced by low-income disadvantaged persons are multiple, among which are: inadequate education, poor mental and physical health, unemployment and underemployment, substandard housing, disorganized family life, isolation from the decision-making processes on policies, programs, and services which directly affect them, and alienation from established governmental programs. Experiences of agencies such as the community action programs and the model cities programs have shown that the low-income residents are not aware of the many services available to them. These services are generally inaccessible to them because of both physical and psychological distance. The service institutions have become overspecialized which has resulted in persons being required to deal with several governmental agencies whose services should be coordinated.

It is the purpose of this part to establish community service centers on an exemplary and demonstration basis in those areas selected by the basic members of the task force; except that centers shall be established in the Waianae-Nanakuli, the Kalihi-Palama, the Waimanalo, and the Palolo areas first.

Section . **Authorization.** The governor’s office is authorized to establish four positions for the purposes of this part and a center manager and a secretary for each center, without regard to chapter 76 and 77.

The manager shall be responsible for coordinating the delivery of services to families and individuals by employees of the various departments who are assigned to the area served by the center.”

SECTION 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the governor’s office out of the general revenues of the State the sum of \$70,800 for the purpose

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of the community service centers.

SECTION 6. Annual report. The governor's office shall file an annual report on the program to the Legislature at least twenty days before the convening of each regular session.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1969.

(Approved June 29, 1969.)