

ACT 107

S. B. NO. 1216

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Commission on Children and Youth.

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

SECTION 1. Section 581-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 581-1 Commission; appointment, tenure.** Within the office of the governor, there shall be the state commission on children and youth which shall consist of not less than twenty-one nor more than thirty-one members, all to be appointed by the governor in the manner prescribed by section 26-34. At least one-third of the members shall be less than twenty-five years of age. The membership shall include at least two residents of each of the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai and the city and county of Honolulu. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid their necessary expenses in attending meetings of the commission. The members shall be selected because of their broad interest and concern for children and youth. The members shall, each year, select one of their number as chairman. There shall be no less than six meetings of the commission each year, one of which shall be held in July, at which time the chairman shall be selected.”

SECTION 2. Section 581-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 581-2 Duties of the commission; reports.**

(a) The commission on children and youth shall form two subcommittees to serve:

- (1) Children from conception through age twelve to be known as the coordinated child care committee; and
- (2) Youths from ages thirteen through twenty-four, to be known as the action committee for young adults.

(b) The commission shall:

- (1) Study the facts concerning the needs of children and youth in the State through action research studies, such research to be carried on whenever possible through the departments or agencies of the state and county governments responsible for providing services to children and youth. When such research cannot be done within such established agencies, it shall be carried out by public or private organizations capable of conducting action research.
- (2) Review legislation pertaining to children and youth and appropriations made for services in their behalf in such fields as health, child development, social service, education, recreation, child labor, family courts, probation and parole service, and detention and correctional facilities, and consider and present revisions and additions needed and report to the governor and to the legislature regarding such legislation.
- (3) Appraise the availability, adequacy, and accessibility of all services for children and youth within the State.
- (4) Ascertain the facts concerning the operations and the operating policies, affecting children and youth, of all state and county departments and agencies responsible for providing services for children and youth, including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, the department of health, the department of social services and housing, the department of education, the department of labor and industrial relations, the police departments, the family and other courts and the probation departments and detention facilities thereof, and, report such facts and the commission's recommendations to the governor and to the legislature. The executive heads of all such departments and agencies shall make available to the commission such information as the commission deems necessary for the effective discharge of its duties under this chapter.
- (5) Maintain contacts with local, state and federal officials and agencies concerned with planning for children and youth.
- (6) Encourage and foster local community action in behalf of children and youth through the local county committees.
- (7) Develop and promote plans and programs for the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency.
- (8) Cooperate with the national commission on children and youth and arrange for the participation by representatives of the State in the

decennial White House conference on children and youth.”

SECTION 3. Section 581-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“**Sec. 581-3 County committees; appointment; duties.** The mayors of the city and county of Honolulu and each of the other counties shall each appoint a committee of not less than fifteen persons charged with the duty and responsibility of developing plans and proposals for meeting the needs of children and youth in the several counties. The committees shall endeavor to secure the widest possible citizen and youth participation in their efforts, and, for this purpose, may utilize the facilities of existing agencies. Each county committee shall include two members of the state commission on children and youth, residing within the county, who shall act in a liaison capacity between the state commission and the committee. The other members shall be selected upon the basis of their interest in the needs of children and youth, their effectiveness in promoting child welfare within the county, and their knowledge of local conditions. The chairman shall be elected annually by the members of the committee. One third of the members of the county committees shall be appointed for four years, one third for three years, and one third for two years, and thereafter their successors shall be appointed for terms of four years. The members of the county committees shall receive no compensation for their services. The respective county councils are authorized to make appropriations to meet the necessary expenses of such committees.”

SECTION 4. Section 26-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“**Sec. 26-8 Department of budget and finance.** The department of budget and finance shall be headed by a single executive to be known as the director of finance.

The department shall undertake the preparation and execution of the executive budget of the state government; conduct a systematic and continuous review of the finances, organization, and methods of each department of the State to assist each department in achieving the most effective expenditure of all public funds and to determine that such expenditures are in accordance with the budget laws and controls in force; have custody of state funds and be responsible for the safekeeping, management, investment, and disbursement thereof; and administer state debts.

The functions and authority heretofore exercised by the bureau of the budget (except for insurance management, surplus property management, and central purchasing transferred to the department of accounting and general services) and the funds custody, cash management, debt management, and administering of veterans loan functions of the treasurer as heretofore constituted are transferred to the department of budget and finance established by this chapter.

The employees retirement system as constituted by chapter 88 is placed within the department of budget and finance for administrative purposes. The functions, duties, and powers, subject to the administrative control of the director of finance, and the composition of the board of trustees of the em-

ployees retirement system shall be as heretofore provided by law.”

SECTION 5. There shall be three additional positions within the commission on children and youth subject to the availability of federal funds: one program coordinator to serve the action committee for young adults, and one program coordinator and one secretary to serve the coordinated child care committee; provided that maximum use of federal funds be first made for these positions.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$124,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of which \$24,000 shall be used for additional staffing for the fiscal biennium 1971-73 (\$12,000 for fiscal year 1971-72 and \$12,000 for fiscal year 1972-73) to supplement federal funds, and \$100,000 shall be used as seed money to mount exemplary demonstration programs to better meet the needs of children and youth.

SECTION 7. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the governor for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 25, 1971.)

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\* Edited accordingly.