

ACT 130

S. B. NO. 1988-72

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Progressive Neighborhoods Law and Programs.

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

SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose. The progressive neighborhoods program has been successful, within the limits of program resources, in initiating and testing new or improved activities designed to alleviate adverse conditions in neighborhoods characterized by composite economic, health, social and physical problems. The progressive neighborhoods program, having proved its usefulness, is now an accepted part of Hawaii's state government and has the stability and resources to persevere over time due to state support.

The model cities program, dependent on federal funds and managed by the city and county of Honolulu, also has met with many successes in initiating and testing imaginative and innovative approaches to improve the quality of life of residents of two disadvantaged neighborhoods: Kalihi-Palama and Waianae-Nanakuli. Model cities has a finite life span of five years measured in terms of federal funding. At the end of five years, model cities activities are supposed to have either proven their value conclusively enough to gain funding support from sources other than model cities or terminate for lack of support. The Honolulu model cities program is now into the third action year.

Many model cities activities complement the efforts of the progressive neighborhoods program. Some model cities projects would be more appropriately located as part of the state government than as part of local government. It is possible that the State is the most logical entity to assume some successful model cities projects when federal funding ceases. This possibility deserves careful study and planning before the State makes any commitments.

It is the purpose of this Act to initiate and provide resources for a study of model cities projects to determine which projects, if any, should be incorporated into the progressive neighborhoods program or elsewhere into the organizational pattern of state government.

SECTION 2. Study Authorized. The governor's office is authorized to employ a director to conduct the study of model cities projects and to provide necessary supportive secretarial services. The director and any secretarial personnel engaged for the study shall be hired on contract for the duration of the study, but in no event shall their employment continue beyond January 31, 1973.

The director shall be responsible for the conduct of the study which will include a review of each model cities project. Among other matters, the study shall:

- (1) Evaluate projects in terms of their contributions to improving the quality of life of target area residents;
- (2) Determine the desirability of continuing projects once federal model cities funds terminate;
- (3) Examine possible organizational arrangements within state government for projects recommended for continuation and propose the most suitable arrangements;
- (4) Estimate the costs of continuing projects under new organizational arrangements and explore possibilities of reducing costs; and
- (5) Propose a work plan and timetable for transferring projects from model cities to other organizations of state government.

Alternatively, the governor's office may contract with the resident research and planning centers in Kalihi-Palama and Waianae-Nanakuli to conduct all or parts of the study.

SECTION 3. Report. The governor's office shall submit copies of the completed study report to the legislature at least twenty days before the convening of the 1973 regular session.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. There is appropriated to the governor's office out of the general revenues of the State the sum of \$27,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of conducting the study proposed in this Act.

SECTION 5. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1972.

(Approved May 26, 1972.)