

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Service.

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

SECTION 1. The purposes of this Act are to provide state information and services to the public through joint cooperation with the several counties; to provide appropriations therefor; and to provide appropriations for services for immigrants residing on leeward Oahu.

SECTION 2. **Functions of statewide concern.** Chapter 27-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new item to read as follows:

“(6) Provide information and services to the public through joint cooperation with the several counties.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**Sec. 27- Extended state information and services provided.** The office of the governor shall receive and review requests from state agencies for providing information and services to the public. Upon determination of needed extension services, the office shall solicit the aid and cooperation of the counties. Joint efforts will be made to use existing state and county facilities, and to create new facilities if necessary.”

SECTION 4. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this Act. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of accounting and general services.

SECTION 5. Chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**Sec. 202- State immigrant services center.** There shall be a state immigrant services center within the office of the governor and under the advisory commission on manpower and full employment. The commission shall appoint a director of the state immigrant services center and may employ such other personnel as it deems advisable, who shall be exempt from chapters 76 and 77.

At the direction of the commission, the director shall:

- (1) Assist and coordinate the efforts of public and private agencies in providing services to immigrants and non-English speaking residents;
- (2) Provide information on the varied services available in Hawaii and refer the immigrants to appropriate agencies;
- (3) Provide assistance in counseling, acculturation program, outreach and other support services necessary for immigrants to become economically productive and socially adjusted;
- (4) Encourage local and ethnic groups and community organizations to develop programs for immigrants and their families;
- (5) Compile information concerning immigrants and conduct or contract for studies on problems faced by them;
- (6) Gather and develop information to aid the prospective immigrant and his sponsor in complying with U.S. Immigration and related laws, and to develop a suitable orientation program for the immigrant upon reaching Hawaii;
- (7) Serve as liaison on immigration matters of broad community concern, as well as individual problems of immigrants; and
- (8) Make recommendations to the administration, the legislature and community organizations for improving services to immigrants.”

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$26,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of section 5 of this Act. These funds will be administered by the Hawaii State Immigration Service Center.

SECTION 7. **Effective date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 29, 2975.)