

ACT 187

H.B. NO. 3162-76

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Office of Information and Youth Affairs, Office of the Governor.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 27C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 27C-1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to provide a centralized, statewide information service, through which the public’s information needs can be most effectively served and by which agencies can coordinate and maintain communication with the community.

Sec. 27C-2 State information service, functions. (a) The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to provide for the establishment of a centralized state information service in the office of the governor, consisting of a central office at the capital and satellite offices located in each county.

(b) The functions of the state information service shall include the following:

- (1) Communication to the public of information concerning the functions of government, the services it renders through the departments and agencies, and the status of various important programs and projects which affect the quality of life in the community.
- (2) Making direct response to queries, whether by telephone, correspondence, or meetings, from persons desiring information or assistance and assisting in channeling requests, queries, and recommendations from the public to appropriate public offices and referring nongovernmental related matters to appropriate private offices, and providing methods to encourage timely and adequate response to such queries.
- (3) Assessing the effectiveness of existing informational services by providing feedback, coordinating information programs and recommending innovative communication techniques.
- (4) Seeking and implementing more effective means of publicizing public notices and other announcements which should receive timely and wide dissemination.
- (5) Identification of specific community informational needs and provision of special information services to meet such needs.
- (6) Devising information and exchange programs for elective and appointive government officers to help increase their awareness and understanding of the community and its needs.

SECTION 2. If House Bill No. 2016 or Senate Bill No. 1899 relating to the establishment and operation of an office of children and youth is enacted during the regular session of 1976:

- (1) Those functions relating to children and youth in chapter 27C, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) All records, equipment, machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents, maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used, acquired, or held by the youth affairs component; and
- (3) The sum of \$8,200 appropriated for the office of information and youth affairs,

shall be transferred to the office of children and youth to coincide with the effective date of the creation of the office of children and youth.

SECTION 3. If House Bill No. 2016 or Senate Bill No. 1899 relating to the establishment and operation of an office of children and youth is not enacted during the regular session of 1976; then the functions relating to children and youth in chapter 27C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be transferred to the commission on children and youth.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets or the bracketed material.*

*Edited accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 1, 1976.)