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S.B. NO. 3206

A Bill for an Act Relating to Maternal and Child Health Services.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“PART . MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM

§321- Purpose. The purpose of this part is to enable the department of health to assure the availability of programs and services which promote the health of women of childbearing age, mothers, families, infants, children, youths, and adolescents. These programs shall further the State’s goals of providing for the health and well-being of women and mothers and help to insure that healthy babies become healthy adults.

§321- Administration of programs. The department of health may administer programs to reduce infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, and otherwise promote the health of women of childbearing age, mothers, families, infants, children, youths, and adolescents. The types of services to be provided may include but need not be limited to perinatal care, prenatal education including individual risk reduction, maternal care, baby and child care, adolescent health care, and family planning.

§321- Definitions. For the purposes of this part:
 “Target population” means women of childbearing age, mothers, families, infants, children, youths, and adolescents.
 “Preventive health care services” means services which promote, enhance, or maintain optimal health and well-being.

§321- Powers of the department. The department of health may:

- (1) Make available to the target population quality health care services, with emphasis on preventive health services;
- (2) Develop, extend, and improve the services; and
- (3) Cooperate with the federal government, through its appropriate agency or instrumentality, in identifying needs, developing, extending, and improving the services, and receiving and expending all funds made available to the department by the federal government, the State, or its political subdivisions, or from any other source, including private donations, for the purposes of this part.

§321- Agreements. In carrying out the purposes of this part the director of health may:

- (1) Enter into agreements with the United States and with other state departments, agencies, and political subdivisions, and enter into assistance agreements for services with profit organizations incorporated under the laws of the State or nonprofit organizations determined to be exempt from the federal income tax by the Internal Revenue Service, and allocate and expend any funds appropriated for the purposes of such agreements and do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes and provisions of this part; and

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- (2) Establish standards and review procedures to assure that recipients of state funding provide the services and facilities necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the funds are provided.

§321- Rules. The director shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this part, including the establishment of criteria to determine eligibility to participate in the services provided under this part.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 1988.)