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S.B. NO. 2022

A Bill for an Act Relating to University of Hawaii Child Care Centers.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that making affordable quality child care available to college students can increase accessibility to postsecondary education for the growing number of parents of young children who seek higher education, as well as to benefit the faculty and staff. In 1986, the legislature created a child care center revolving fund, thereby providing statutory authority for the University of Hawaii to operate child care centers.

However, the requirement that these centers be self-supporting precludes the legislature and others from providing any needed financial assistance. This assistance would, in all probability, reduce the costs of child care and enhance accessibility to postsecondary education for a significant segment of the population.

The purpose of this Act is to remove the requirement of self-sufficiency for University child care programs and to enable the legislature and others to provide supplementary funding.

SECTION 2. Section 304-8.91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[~~§~~304-8.91(~~)~~] Child care [center] programs revolving fund. There is established a child care programs [center] revolving fund for the operation[, of child care programs and the construction[, and renovation of child care centers established by the University of Hawaii. Fees charged for child care at child care [centers.] programs, proceeds from donations to the university for child care [centers.] programs, and proceeds from loans or other instruments of indebtedness for the construction or renovation of child care centers, shall be deposited into the revolving fund. Expenditures from the revolving fund shall be made for the operation of child care [centers] programs and payment of principal and interest on obligations incurred for the construction or renovation of child care centers.”

SECTION 3. Act 233, Session Laws of Hawaii 1986, is amended by amending sections 2 and 3 to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii may establish [a] child care [pilot project] programs through which one or more child care [centers] programs for

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each campus of the university system may be established. The University of Hawaii may operate each child care [center] program with appointed personnel, who are not subject to chapters 76 and 77, or by contract with private persons or agencies.

SECTION 3. The provision of child care services [shall] may be [self-supporting,] supported with proceeds from the revolving fund, public funds, and private grant and gifts [being sufficient] to pay for the expenses of operation, including payment of principal and interest on any obligations incurred.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 16, 1989.)