

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Transfer of the Hawaii State Coordinating Council on Deafness to the Department of Health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 347D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[§347D-1] Hawaii state coordinating council on deafness; establishment. (a) There is established a Hawaii state coordinating council on deafness within the department of [human services] health for administrative purposes. The council shall consist of:

- (1) Seven representatives of state agencies, including the departments of health, education, labor and industrial relations, human services, personnel services, the University of Hawaii, and the office of the governor;
 - (2) Seven members who are hearing impaired or who are immediate family members of hearing impaired persons; and
 - (3) Seven members of the public who have an interest in hearing impaired persons.
- (b) Members shall be appointed by the governor without the necessity of the advice and consent of the senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.
- (c) Members shall elect the officers of the council.
- (d) Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties."

SECTION 2. Section 374D-4,¹ Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[§347D-4] Responsibility of council for payment of interpreter services. The council, subject to legislative appropriations, shall coordinate the payment of interpreter services for hearing impaired persons when participating in [state] programs and activities of the State and its political subdivisions which do not receive federal financial assistance. For the purposes of this section, payment of interpreter services may include transportation and per diem."

SECTION 3. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of the department of human services relating to the administration of the Hawaii state coordinating council on deafness are transferred to the department of health.

All appropriations, position counts, records, equipment, machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents, and other personal property heretofore made, used, acquired, or held by the department of human services relating to the functions transferred to the department of health shall be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

SECTION 4. In accordance with Section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1989-1990 to be exceeded by \$21,663 or 0.00092 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$21,663, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

year 1989-1990, and the sum of \$13,054, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to supplement the expenditures of the Hawaii state coordinating council on deafness.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 27, 1989.)

Note

1. So in original.