

ACT 75

S.B. NO. 2795

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of health to provide funds for the child and adolescent mental health program for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996.

A critical funding emergency exists. The program will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide services to emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. The increase in case referrals and court-directed placements is the primary contributing factor to this financial situation.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize moneys to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of payments for services to emotionally disturbed children and adolescents and to respond to the requirements of the Felix v. Waihee consent decree.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,902,756, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995-1996 to be used for services provided to emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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

(Approved May 9, 1996.)