

ACT 218

H.B. NO. 1430

A Bill for an Act Relating to Human Services.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a center providing comprehensive services for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals in Hawaii has been the dream of the deaf community in Hawaii since 1972. The creation of a comprehensive service center is intended to promote individual growth, social awareness, productivity, and equality by empowering deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals to be full participants in Hawaii's overall community.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of human services to fund the establishment and operational costs of a comprehensive service center for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the establishment and operation of a comprehensive service center for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(Approved June 27, 2013.)