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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature established the state
2 commission on fatherhood in 2003 in recognition of the important
3 and unique role fathers play in the lives of their children,
4 families, and communities. Chapter 577E, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, directs the commission to serve in an advisory
6 capacity to state agencies to promote healthy family
7 relationships between parents and children. In recognition of
8 the commission's value and the need to continue to promote and
9 support healthy families in Hawaii, the legislature established
10 the commission as a permanent entity within the State in 2007.

11 The legislature further finds that it is necessary for the
12 commission to hire an executive director and appropriate staff
13 to implement its strategic plan, which includes the following
14 goals and objectives:

15 (1) Complete a statewide analysis of services available to
16 fathers;



- 1 (2) Develop policy recommendations on best practices for
2 serving fathers via state agencies and their service
3 providers;
- 4 (3) Develop, support, and advocate legislation that
5 facilitates father involvement in the lives of
6 children;
- 7 (4) Operate year-round public awareness campaigns about
8 the importance of father involvement in the lives of
9 children;
- 10 (5) Make available to fathers and families information,
11 resources, and events related to effective fathering
12 and parenting support;
- 13 (6) Implement a parent-friendly business award program;
- 14 (7) Raise and administer funds for the commission's work
15 and the work of organizations it funds through grants;
- 16 (8) Publish an annual report on the status of fatherhood
17 issues in Hawaii; and
- 18 (9) Identify and promote new laws, policies, and best
19 practices to improve father involvement in the lives
20 of children.

21 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
22 the operations of the state commission on fatherhood.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 5 2012-2013 for the operations of the state commission on
 6 fatherhood, including hiring an executive director and staff,
 7 establishing an office, and paying travel expenses for neighbor
 8 island commissioners.

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

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.
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Description:

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