A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY SERVICE CENTERS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that community access to 2 information and services strengthens and stabilizes Hawaii's families. Community-based, family-centered models exemplify 3 4 cooperation between public and private entities to deliver 5 coordinated services to a target population. Such models 6 provide families with a community-based, one-stop resource 7 center for information and referrals, volunteer programs, 8 counseling, classes, and family activities. These models are 9 particularly effective because they are places where people feel 10 comfortable asking for assistance. The models support the needs 11 of individuals and families, and provide programs that encourage family strengthening, skill enhancement, and community 12 13 involvement. 14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the development of community-based, family-centered models
- 15 16 throughout the State and the Even Start program.
- 17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so 2006-1142 SB2185 SD1 SMA.doc

- 1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 2 the development of community-based, family-centered models
- 3 throughout the State.
- 4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 5 human services for the purposes of this section.
- 6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 9 the Hawaii Even Start Literacy Program.
- 10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 11 education for the purposes of this section.
- 12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

Report Title:

Family Centers; Grant Fund

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish and maintain community-based, family-centered models throughout the State and appropriates funds for the Even Start program. (SD1)