
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Recognizing the important and unique role
2 fathers play in the lives of their children, families, and
3 communities, the legislature established the Hawaii commission
4 on fatherhood (commission) in 2003. Act 156, Session Laws of
5 Hawaii 2003, as amended by Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005,
6 and Act 232, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, directs the commission
7 to serve in an advisory capacity to state agencies in order to
8 promote healthy family relationships between parents and
9 children. The commission is authorized to make recommendations
10 on programs, services, and contracts relating to children and
11 families. It is attached to the department of human services
12 for administrative purposes.

13 In order to implement its strategic plan and otherwise
14 fulfill its responsibilities, the commission must hire an
15 executive director and staff. Doing so would enable the
16 commission to:



- 1 (1) Complete a statewide analysis of service provision to
2 fathers;
- 3 (2) Develop policy recommendations on best practices for
4 serving fathers via state agencies and their service
5 providers;
- 6 (3) Develop, support, and advocate for legislation that
7 facilitates father involvement in the lives of
8 children;
- 9 (4) Issue an annual report on the status of fatherhood
10 issues in Hawaii;
- 11 (5) Operate year-round public awareness campaigns about
12 the importance of father involvement in the lives of
13 children;
- 14 (6) Provide information and resources related to effective
15 fathering and the parenting support available to
16 fathers and families;
- 17 (7) Present the annual Parent-Friendly Business Award; and
- 18 (8) Administer appropriated funds, seek and leverage funds
19 from other sources, and award grants to other
20 organizations.

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

1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
 4 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 5 year 2008-2009, to hire an executive director and staff to carry
 6 out the purposes of this Act.

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

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 10 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Commission on Fatherhood; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for staffing of state commission on fatherhood.

