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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS  
OF WOMEN.

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

1           SECTION 1. The mission of the Hawaii state commission on  
2 the status of women is to ensure equality for women and girls in  
3 the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through  
4 advocacy, education, collaboration, and program development.  
5 The duties of the Hawaii state commission on the status of women  
6 are established by statute.

7           SECTION 2. For the twelfth year, the Hawaii state  
8 commission on the status of women is organizing women's health  
9 month. The purpose of women's health month is to maximize  
10 public awareness of women's health issues, empower women to be  
11 their own health advocates, reduce health care disparities, and  
12 promote the physical and emotional well-being of women in  
13 Hawaii. The month of events include education workshops, health  
14 fairs, lectures, fitness activities, and other special events.

15           In March 2006, the Hawaii state commission on the status of  
16 women began the process to establish a collection of Hawaii



1 women's oral history. Oral histories will be collected annually  
2 leading up to the women's history month in March.

3 In 1998, the Center for American Women and Politics, a unit  
4 of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University,  
5 created the ready to run program as a bi-partisan effort to  
6 recruit and train women to run for all levels of political  
7 office. The Center for American Women and Politics has made  
8 it's ready to run program available to state commissions on the  
9 status of women around the country. The goal is to present a  
10 ready to run training workshop in 2007, at the end of the  
11 legislative session.

12 The wage club project has launched a collaborative  
13 grassroots program designed to help close the wage gap between  
14 women and men at work. The Hawaii state commission on the  
15 status of women will facilitate a series of discussion and  
16 training groups around the State to examine wage inequities with  
17 the goal of defining grassroots driven multi-faceted solutions  
18 to the problem.

19 SECTION 3. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
20 funding to the Hawaii state commission on the status of women  
21 for programming, travel, and office expenses. This  
22 appropriation is in addition to funding currently allocated to



1 the department of human services in the amounts of \$102,236 for  
2 personnel expenses and \$3,044 for miscellaneous expenses.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$53,700, or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to the  
6 Hawaii state commission on the status of women for programming,  
7 travel, and office expenses; provided that moneys appropriated  
8 by this Act shall not be construed to diminish any other funding  
9 provided to the commission on the status of women by the  
10 department of human services or any other state source of  
11 revenue.

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

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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**Report Title:**

Commission on the Status of Women; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for the Hawaii state commission on the status of women for programming, travel, and office expenses.

