
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY PLANNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 2006, the Guttmacher Institute, a leading
2 national policy and research agency, published a report ranking
3 Hawaii fiftieth among the states in public funding for women
4 accessing contraceptive services and supplies. The Guttmacher
5 Institute report estimated that approximately sixty two thousand
6 women in Hawaii need publicly supported contraceptive services
7 and supplies because they have incomes below two hundred fifty
8 per cent of the federal poverty level or are sexually active
9 teenagers. In response to this report, the Hawaii state
10 legislature in 2006 adopted H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1, which
11 requested the department of health to convene a working group to
12 determine family planning funding needs for legislative
13 consideration.

14 The department of health's family planning program convened
15 a series of working group meetings, with twelve organizations
16 represented, to determine the family planning funding needs. On
17 November 20, 2006, the family planning program issued a report
18 with its findings and recommendations. To effectively improve



1 the State's reproductive health services and reduce unintended
2 pregnancies in Hawaii, the H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1, working group
3 recommended that clinical services, health education, and
4 outreach services be expanded and upgraded as a system to
5 improve access to these currently fragmented services.

6 The H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1, working group found that Hawaii
7 reduced its state funds for publicly supported family planning
8 services by ninety per cent in the mid nineties and has never
9 reinstated this funding. In addition, Hawaii currently has the
10 twelfth highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation.

11 The H.C.R. No. 226, H.D. 1, working group also recommended
12 that increased public awareness of the health benefits of
13 planned pregnancy, use of contraceptives, child spacing, and
14 clinic locations is crucial to reducing Hawaii's unintended
15 pregnancy rate.

16 The purpose of this Act is to provide an integrated and
17 comprehensive approach to family planning and contraceptive
18 services for Hawaii's women, teens, and men by:

- 19 (1) Providing funding for family planning and
20 contraception services; and
21 (2) Providing funding for family planning health education
22 and outreach services.



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, for family planning and contraceptive services.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 7 of health for the purposes of this section.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
 11 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 12 year 2008-2009, to:

- 13 (1) Increase the family planning health educator contracts
 14 to full-time;
- 15 (2) Double the number of health educators statewide;
- 16 (3) Add funding for educational materials, multi-media
 17 equipment, and training; and
- 18 (4) Add new and innovative outreach services of hard-to-
 19 reach populations.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 21 of health for the purposes of this section.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Family Planning; Contraception; Health Education

Description:

Provides funding for family planning clinical and contraceptive services; family planning health educators; education materials, multi-media equipment, and training; new outreach services. Makes appropriations. (SD1)

