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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Best Buddies
- 2 International is a non-profit organization that was founded in
- 3 1989 whose mission is to establish a global volunteer movement
- 4 that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships,
- 5 integrated employment, and leadership development for people
- 6 with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Best Buddies
- 7 Hawaii is a state affiliate of Best Buddies International and is
- 8 dedicated to fostering the social integration of individuals
- 9 with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Expanding
- $10\,$ Best Buddies Hawaii chapters will enable more of Hawaii's youth
- 11 with intellectual and developmental disabilities to learn
- 12 valuable social skills, combat isolation, and gain confidence.
- 13 The purpose of this Act is to support the efforts of Best
- 14 Buddies International in Hawaii by appropriating funds to expand
- 15 Best Buddies Hawaii chapters.
- 16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
- thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013, as a



- 1 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Best
- 2 Buddies International to expand Best Buddies Hawaii chapters on
- 3 the islands of Maui and Oahu and provide valuable support to
- 4 youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 6 education for the purposes of this Act.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Best Buddies International; Best Buddies Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant to Best Buddies International for the expansion of Best Buddies Hawaii chapters on the islands of Maui and Oahu.

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