A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADULT DENTAL SERVICES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. There is a significant need for adult dental
- 2 services in Hawaii. Insurance coverage for adult dental
- 3 services through the department of human services Med-QUEST
- 4 division currently only covers emergency treatment. The lack of
- 5 access to comprehensive dental care has led to some adults in
- 6 Hawaii foregoing dental treatment such as for gum disease and
- 7 root canals. One result of adults not receiving proper
- 8 treatment is that some have resorted to seeking dental care in
- 9 hospital emergency rooms.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
- 11 department of human services to provide Med-QUEST coverage for
- 12 adult dental services.
- 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for Med-
- 16 QUEST coverage for adult dental services.



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- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Adult Dental Services; Med-QUEST Division; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for Med-QUEST coverage of adult dental services.

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