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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH PROGRAMS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the office of youth  
2 services of the department of human services provides and  
3 coordinates a continuum of services and programs for at-risk  
4 youth to prevent delinquency and reduce the incidence of  
5 recidivism. The office of youth services has four main support  
6 programs: juvenile justice in Hawaii, which aims to prevent  
7 delinquency and reduce the incidence of recidivism for youth-at-  
8 risk; the Hawaii youth correctional facility, which is a  
9 thirty-bed facility where the primary purpose is to provide care  
10 and custody of at-risk youth committed to the State by the  
11 family courts; the Hawaii juvenile justice state advisory  
12 council, which advises government and local communities on  
13 effective service provisions and policies that improve the  
14 juvenile justice system and advocates for delinquency  
15 prevention; and the Hawaii state youth commission, which advises  
16 the governor and legislature on the effects of legislative



1 policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets  
2 concerning the youth of the State.

3       The legislature further finds that in light of youth  
4 suicide rates, dropout rates, and interactions with the criminal  
5 justice system, especially for youth originating from the  
6 Pacific islands, the youth of Hawaii would benefit from the  
7 myriad of Pacific youth programs offered to assist at-risk  
8 youth. Recognizing the unique needs of individuals from the  
9 Pacific and the other parts of Oceania, the University of Hawaii  
10 maintains a student services specialist dedicated to provide  
11 student support services for students from Oceania.

12       The purpose of this Act is to establish a Pacific youth  
13 programs coordinator position within the office of youth  
14 services.

15       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2024-2025 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
20 Pacific youth program coordinator position within the office of  
21 youth services of the department of human services.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
2 youth services for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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**Report Title:**

OYS; DHS; Pacific Youth Programs; Position; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds and establishes one Pacific youth programs coordinator position within the Department of Human Services Office of Youth Services. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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