H.B. 380.

A Bill for an Act Amending Act 299, Session Laws of Hawaii 1967, Relating to Establishing a Progressive Neighborhoods Program.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

Act 299 provides a functional approach of meeting the economic, health, and social problems of the Waianae and the Nanakuli areas. Due to the fact that the Kalihi and Palama areas have common problems with those of the Waianae and the Nanakuli areas, they should be added to the Program.

It is an urgent matter and in the general welfare of the State to take remedial action in the Kalihi and Palama areas where consistent low family income, chronic unemployment, dilapidated and overcrowded housing, low educational achievement, high rates of ill health and illegitimacy, major incidence of adult and juvenile offenses, and economic assistance to families and needy children occur one with the other in severe degrees.

- SECTION 2. Act 299, Session Laws of Hawaii 1967, is hereby amended as follows:
- 1. Section 4(a) is amended by deleting the sentence which reads "The task force shall also include three citizens of the target area" and inserting in lieu thereof "The task force shall also include at least three citizens of the target area, the exact number being left to the discretion of the Governor."
- 2. Section 9 is amended to read as follows: "Authorization. The department of health is authorized to establish two children and youth projects, one at Nanakuli-Waianae area and one in the Kalihi-Palama area to provide comprehensive health services for the children and youths of these areas."
- 3. Section 13, the last sentence of which is amended to read as follows: "The funds authorized under this part shall first be used on a demonstration basis for the Wajanae-Nanakuli and the Kalihi-Palama areas."
- 4. Section 15 is amended to read as follows: "Authorization. The department of social services is authorized to establish a social worker position subject to chapters 3 and 4, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, for the purpose of this part; provided that this position shall be assigned to the Waianae-Nanakuli and the Kalihi-Palama areas on a detached basis, primarily

for the purpose of community organization work and strengthening participation by the children and youth of these areas in recreational programs."

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 8, 1968.)