

A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Immigrant Services Center.

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

SECTION 1. Section 202-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 202-9 State immigrant services center. There shall be a state immigrant services center within the office of the governor. The governor shall appoint a director of the state immigrant services center and the director may employ such other personnel as the director deems advisable. The director and other personnel shall be exempt from chapters 76 and 77.

At the direction of the governor, the director shall:

- (1) Assist and coordinate the efforts of public and private agencies in providing services to immigrants and non-English speaking residents;
- (2) Provide information on the varied services available in Hawaii and refer the immigrants to appropriate agencies;
- (3) Provide counseling, acculturation program, outreach and other support services necessary for immigrants to become economically productive and socially adjusted;
- (4) Encourage local and ethnic groups and community organizations to develop programs for immigrants and their families;
- (5) Compile information concerning immigrants and conduct or contract for studies on problems faced by them;
- (6) Gather and develop information to aid the prospective immigrant and his sponsor in complying with U.S. Immigration and related laws, and to develop a suitable orientation program for the immigrant upon reaching Hawaii;
- (7) Serve as liaison on immigration matters of broad community concern, as well as individual problems of immigrants;
- (8) Make recommendations to the administration, the legislature, and community organizations for improving services to immigrants;
- (9) Review and comment upon grant proposals for immigrant service agencies requesting funding from State and federal sources; and
- (10) Assist and coordinate efforts in helping refugees in Hawaii become adjusted and productive members of American society.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 12, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.