

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Progressive Neighborhoods Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 362-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“**Sec. 362-12 Task force established.** (a) There is established a progressive neighborhoods task force for the purpose of this part.

(b) The task force shall be appointed by the governor. The basic members of the task force shall be the state administrative director, the director of social services, the director of health, the superintendent of education, the director of labor and industrial relations, a judge of the family court of the first circuit, the president of the University of Hawaii, the director of the Hawaii office of economic opportunity, the executive secretary of the advisory commission on manpower and full employment, the director of the office of children and youth, the director of the executive office on aging, the director of progressive neighborhood programs, the chairman of the Hawaiian homes commission, and three members of the general public or their representatives. The task force shall also include at least two citizens of the target area, the exact number being left to the discretion of the governor. In the event the task force undertakes its endeavors in a neighborhood other than on the island of Oahu, the task force shall also include a judge of the family court of the circuit in which the neighborhood is located. The governor shall designate a chairman from among the members of the task force.

(c) The task force shall meet at least once a month while studying a particular target neighborhood. Citizen members of the task force shall be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$20 per meeting attended. The task force shall undertake its endeavors in those areas selected by the basic members of the task force; except that it shall commence its endeavors with the Nanakuli-Waianae and Kalihi-Palama areas.

(d) The task force shall be responsible for initiating such studies and experimental programs as are necessary to identify the major core problems contributing to multiproblem neighborhoods, to propose and institute interventions into problem cycles, to evaluate the effectiveness of present or innovated interventions aimed at problem modification, and to assay the cost-benefits of different systems of interventions; for investigating various proposals for the possible reallocation and realignment of agency approaches and programs and making such recommendations to the governor, the chief justice, and the legislature as are indicated to increase problem modification in target neighborhoods and program effectiveness or to make possible new programs of higher indicated potential; and for piloting a program in career development in education, social work, community organization, health services, and the like for the purpose of final remedy of progressive neighborhoods problems.”

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

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

(Approved April 17, 1979.)

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