

ACT 184

S.B. NO. 2926-82

A Bill for an Act Relating to Release of Matching State Funds.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. For the past four years the State has received a federal grant for drug abuse treatment for nine private agencies (YMCA Detached Counselors Program, Salvation Army, Palama Settlement, Aloha House (Maui), Habilitat, Inc., Drug Addiction Services of Hawaii, Awareness House (Hilo), Waianae Rap Center, and Hale O'ulu). The grant has come from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and required forty per cent matching funds from the State. In the summer of 1981, the Congress abolished this form of NIDA funding and consolidated all such funding into a "block grant" allocated to the states. The

block grant for alcohol, drug, and mental health services does not require a matching amount from the State.

Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii First Special Session 1981, appropriated matching funds for NIDA funding to the nine agencies previously mentioned. The appropriation is contained in section 3, item E-26 of Act 1.

The NIDA funding under the matching funds requirement ends on March 31, 1982. Because the block grants from which the nine affected agencies hope to obtain funding after March 31, 1982 do not require matching state funds, it is the opinion of the department of budget and finance that the agencies are not legally entitled to the funds appropriated under Act 1 and allocated to be released to the agencies for the last quarter of fiscal year 1981-1982.

If the nine affected agencies do not receive the state funds, it will have a severe impact on the important services provided by the agencies. It is the purpose of this Act to release the state "matching" funds allocated to the agencies for the last quarter of fiscal year 1981-1982 despite the absence of a matching requirement in the federal block grant.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the sums appropriated in item E-26, section 3 of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii First Special Session 1981, may be expended notwithstanding that the sums appropriated were intended to be state matching funds to qualify for federal funding and federal funds no longer require matching state funds.

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

(Approved June 9, 1982.)