

ACT 126

H.B. NO. 268

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Population and Planning.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 224, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§201- Population planning and management. The department shall:

- (1) Research ways to manage the State’s population size, rate of growth, and distribution with regard to economic, environmental, and social impacts on the State;
- (2) Review governmental plans, programs, and activities which could significantly affect the State’s population characteristics, and report findings as appropriate;
- (3) Recommend administrative and legislative actions to improve the planning and management of the State’s population size, rate of growth, and distribution;
- (4) Assist and coordinate the efforts of governmental and private agencies in planning, implementing, and evaluating activities which relate to the management of the State’s population size, rate of growth, and distribution;
- (5) Examine relevant national and international policies, programs, and demographic changes for their impact on managing the State’s population size, rate of growth, and distribution; and
- (6) Promote public awareness and understanding of the need to plan and manage the State’s population size, rate of growth, and distribution.”

SECTION 3. Section 222-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§222-2 Duties of the center. The center shall:

- (1) Serve as a research arm of the commission on the year 2000, [the state commission on population and the Hawaiian future,] the commission on manpower and full employment, and such other public agencies as may properly require its services and assistance in locating research

experts for particular studies and in working out the dimensions and contractual arrangements for such studies, the costs and final decisions of which shall be the responsibility of the requesting agencies.

- (2) Encourage and promote invention and experimentation in futures study, planning, and design.
- (3) Maintain an inventory of studies, research, and other information, including groups or persons concerned with futures study, planning, and design applicable to the State.
- (4) Engage in the development and acquisition of models, techniques, and other tools, and capability for the effective monitoring, measuring, and forecasting of crucial aspects of Hawaii's socio-economic-environmental system over the immediate, intermediate, and long range future, including the design of systems to assist and stabilize the State's construction industry."

SECTION 4. Three permanent positions now authorized for the commission on population and the Hawaiian future, including the executive secretary, one program specialist (population) IV, and the secretary II shall be transferred to the department of planning and economic development.

No officer or employee of the State shall suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which the officer or employee is transferred or appointed; and provided further that subsequent changes in status shall be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

SECTION 5. All appropriations, records, equipment, machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents, maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used, acquired, or held by the commission on population and the Hawaiian future, shall be transferred to the department of planning and economic development.

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.¹

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

(Approved May 26, 1983.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.