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S.B. NO. 2123-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Human Services.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. The provision of human service programs is essential to public health, safety and welfare, and their importance require that they be delivered and conducted effectively and efficiently.

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The cutbacks in federal funds for human service programs and the likelihood that the federal government will continue to adhere to a stringent financial policy make it all the more urgent for the legislature to determine whether changes should be made in the responsibilities and delivery systems for human services.

Two current issues particularly require review. One issue is whether the counties should exercise increased responsibilities in the field of human services. The other issue is the role of private agencies in the provision of human services and the development of state policies to guide which kinds of programs should be conducted directly by government agencies and which kinds of programs should be conducted by private agencies.

The Legislature believes that before making determinations on these issues, it can benefit from the advice of citizens of the community. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a citizens advisory committee on human services to study and render advice on the issues identified in this section.

SECTION 2. There is created a citizens advisory committee which shall advise the legislature on whether the counties should have increased responsibilities in the provision of human services and what should be the role of and what kinds of programs in the field of human services should be conducted by private agencies.

The committee shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. The committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessary for the performance of their duties.

SECTION 3. The committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 1985. Ninety days after submission of its report to the legislature, the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 18, 1984.)