

ACT 325

H.B. NO. 2092

A Bill for an Act Relating to A Social and Employment Services Incubator Project.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the increase in demands for housing has directed development toward rural areas of the State away from the current urban hubs. The new developments include master-planned communities, which are designed to provide the infrastructure necessary to minimize adverse impact of the new population on the environment. While the master plans for these new developments provide for physical structures, they do not provide for the delivery of human services to the new residents of these communities. For example, data indicate that in West Oahu there will be a continued need for assistance from social service and employment support agencies in this region but that people will have difficulty reaching these agencies due to their scattered locations and the lack of transportation alternatives. Community demand is expected to intensify dramatically with the planned development in the Ewa Plain/West Beach corridor, yet there is no master plan to make the delivery of services to the new population centers more accessible.

The legislature further finds that the existing network of social services for outlying areas, such as the communities adjacent to the site for Kapolei, has evolved over time in response to the needs of these small communities. The current profile of these regions reflects a patchwork of sites and services that is sometimes difficult for residents to access. Such service delivery will not be appropriate for a master-planned community such as Kapolei. To date, there has been limited effort to view the aggregate current and projected needs of these rapidly changing regions both from the consumer and service provider perspectives.

The purpose of this Act is to link social and employment services with housing developments by establishing a mechanism for the planned development of the delivery of services at a one-stop center in Kapolei. A state building will be constructed at Kapolei in three to four years. That building would be an ideal site for the clustering of social and employment services in a shared facility. It is the intent of the legislature that the project implemented through this Act serve as a model for future master-planned communities throughout the State.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1990-1991 to be exceeded by \$98,606 or 0.0039 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. (a) There is established, within the department of labor and industrial relations, the social and employment services incubator project board,

which shall be responsible for the planning and implementation of the social and employment services incubator project. The board shall be composed of fifteen voting members to be appointed by the governor as follows: the directors of health, human services, and labor and industrial relations, or their designated representatives; the superintendent of education or a designated representative; the director of the office of state planning or a designated representative; one representative each from the city and county of Honolulu's Work Hawaii program, the office of Hawaiian affairs, the University of Hawaii, the West Oahu Employment Corporation, the Kamehameha Schools Na Hookama Program, the Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc., and Alu Like; and three residents from communities adjacent to the Kapolei site. The board shall elect a chairperson from among its members at its first meeting. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties under this Act.

(b) The board may undertake all necessary studies to fully and effectively carry out its functions and may enter into contracts with qualified persons or any government agency for studies and for the provision of administrative services.

(c) The board may accept, hold, disburse, and allocate funds which may become available from other governmental and private sources to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. (a) There is established a pilot program to be known as the social and employment services incubator project for the West Oahu region. The purpose of the project shall be to provide a one-stop center where clients can access a wide range of social and employment services which goals are to:

- (1) Simplify client access to the array of services and programs currently available;
- (2) Provide for a holistic approach to meeting client needs by siting complementary services and programs in clustered settings;
- (3) Ensure the implementation of a coordinated client intake, assessment, referral, and routing system as designed by the service providers; and
- (4) Identify gaps in the existing system with the intent of providing guidance to the State in recruiting or developing appropriate capability to provide for service delivery.

(b) The board shall review all available needs assessment studies conducted for individual communities in the West Oahu region and take an inventory of all public and private social and employment service providers in the region. The board shall use this information to:

- (1) Identify current use patterns and the projected needs for social and employment services of these individual communities and the West Oahu region as a whole;
- (2) Formulate a plan and select a site to provide a coordinated and accessible social and employment service delivery system by the clustering of providers in a shared facility;
- (3) Develop an integrated semi-centralized intake and referral protocol for the movement of clients through the coordinated delivery system;
- (4) Develop formats for, and negotiate, memoranda of agreement and other legal agreements to be executed by providers electing to participate in the system and locate their services in a shared facility site;
- (5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature; and

(6) Oversee the initial implementation of the coordinated service delivery system.

(c) The board shall hold public information meetings in the communities adjacent to the Kapolei site to invite the participation of the residents and businesses in those areas and obtain their input regarding the needs for social and employment services.

SECTION 5. Prior to the convening of the 1991 regular session, the social and employment service incubator project board shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature. The report shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) A summary of the needs assessment data and the inventory of current services in the West Oahu region;
- (2) Recommendations for the social and employment services required to meet projected needs in Kapolei;
- (3) An implementation plan for the coordinated delivery of the needed services and for the location of the service providers in a shared facility;
- (4) A projected budget for the expenditures required of the State to implement the project;
- (5) Proposals for legislation necessary to facilitate the implementation of the project; and
- (6) Recommendations regarding the continuance of the social and employment service incubator project and the board to plan and implement projects for other master-planned communities in the State in the process of development.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$98,606, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to cover the expenses of the board and project established in this Act, including the hiring of necessary staff.

SECTION 7. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 6 shall take effect on July 1, 1990.

(Approved July 9, 1990.)