

## ACT 327

H.B. NO. 69

A Bill for an Act Relating to Child Care.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that early intervention services for infants and toddlers with special needs are crucial to their long-term well-being. Support services are also critical to families of infants and toddlers with special needs to minimize the impact of prematurity, severe health problems, developmental delays, and handicapping conditions. The expansion of diagnostic services is needed to better serve these families and to provide community-based, family-centered care. There is a need to improve public awareness of the effectiveness of early intervention and to have a "child find" effort directed at the earliest possible identification of infants and toddlers with special needs. There is also a need to have a training program to prepare personnel to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with special needs.

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 \$383,321, or 0.015 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. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$383,321, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, for the "Zero-to-Three" Hawaii project to develop:

- (1) Community-based, family-centered diagnostic services;
- (2) A public awareness and "child find" effort; and
- (3) A training program for personnel working with infants and toddlers with special needs and their families.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1990.

(Approved July 9, 1990.)