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H.B. NO. 2119

A Bill for an Act Relating to Community Health and Human Services.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are many health and human services programs in our communities that provide a variety of services to families and individuals. The legislature also finds that in spite of a greater spirit of cooperation between and among private and public agencies, lack of adequate planning, review, community input, and coordination leads to duplication as well as gaps in services. This is an acute problem in Kalihi-Palama, where established as well as newly-formed agencies and organizations have attempted to develop a range of programs to deal with the socioeconomic problems of the community.

The purpose of this Act is to require the office of state planning to plan for the establishment of a community health and human services development corporation, the purpose of which shall be to plan, coordinate, and review health and human services programs in the Kalihi-Palama community.

SECTION 2. (a) The office of state planning shall plan for the establishment of a community health and human services development corporation for the Kalihi-Palama community. The corporation shall have a board of directors composed of representatives from the community and ex-officio, nonvoting representatives from the department of human services, department of health, and department of labor and industrial relations. The board shall be responsible for assessing and identifying community needs and for planning and developing new programs and services for families and individuals, as well as reviewing existing programs and services. The board shall help agencies and organizations, both public and private, to avoid the duplication and fragmentation of services and to coordinate services for the maximum use of governmental resources, as well as to

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develop other sources of funds to enhance the quality of services in the community.

(b) The office of state planning shall provide such staffing and technical assistance to the corporation's board of directors as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1991-1992, for the office of state planning to plan for the establishment of the community health and human services development corporation for the Kalihi-Palama community. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of state planning.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1991.

(Approved June 18, 1991.)