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S.B. NO. 1680

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Health.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 289, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, as amended by Act 252, Session Laws of Hawaii 1994, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of health to provide funds for the child and adolescent mental health program for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1994, and ending June 30, 1995.

A critical funding emergency exists. The program will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide services to severely emotionally disturbed children. The increase in case referrals and court-directed placements is the primary contributing factor to this financial situation.

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The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize moneys to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of payments for services to seriously emotionally disturbed youth.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,229,727, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1994-1995, to be used for services provided to the child and adolescent mental health program.

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 upon its approval.

(Approved April 5, 1995.)