

ACT 79

H.B. NO. 1575

A Bill for an Act Making An Appropriation for the Millenium Young People's Congress.

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

SECTION 1. The Millennium Young People's Congress (Congress) is scheduled to be held in Honolulu in October, 1999. The Congress is sponsored by the Peace Child International, a London-based nonprofit organization that is sponsored by the United Nations. It is anticipated that one thousand of the world's most active and enthusiastic young people, ages fifteen to eighteen, from one hundred eighty-nine countries, and their adult escorts, will attend the Congress. The purpose of the Congress is for youth to determine key priorities for sustaining and improving life in every nation of the world. The results of the Congress will be presented to world leaders in government, business, and the community. A television documentary will be made of the event, as well as a computer game, two books published in Hawaii, and an action fund established for future youth projects.

The legislature finds that the Congress is important to Hawaii's economic development by attracting national and international visitors to Hawaii, with the possibility of television news coverage and a television documentary. The legislature further finds that the youth visitors need a place to stay in private homes in Honolulu.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the office of youth services to provide funds to ensure the safety and comfort of the Congress participants. The funds will be used for planning and coordination of the stays with host families, transportation to and from the site of the Congress, and family support expenses such as stipends for those families who would like to host delegates but cannot afford to.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1999-2000 to fund home stays in host family homes for the delegates of the Millennium Young People's Congress, including planning, coordination, transportation, and family support stipends.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of youth services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1999.

(Approved June 21, 1999.)