

ACT 185

S.B. NO. 3047

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Waipahu Community Adult Day Health Center and Youth Day Care Center Pilot Project.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the long-term hospitalization of the frail and elderly and their institutionalization in nursing homes have contributed significantly to rising Medicaid costs. Additionally, individuals who are hospitalized and institutionalized suffer from a loss of independence and are at greater risk for developing disease and mental dysfunction than those who are able to remain in their

homes. To address these problems, the State needs to provide the elderly and frail with health care services to prevent the development of serious, debilitating conditions and to facilitate and maximize independent living.

The establishment of an adult day health center would allow the elderly to obtain rehabilitation and wellness services in a noninstitutionalized, community setting. The departments of health and human services have supported the concept of an adult day health care center as a means to lower the costs of long-term care for the frail and elderly population and have indicated their willingness to examine ways of allowing those who are currently eligible or ineligible under the medicaid program to qualify for adult day health services.

The Waipahu community adult day health center and youth day care center begin construction in February, 2002, and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2002. The centers will offer a variety of rehabilitation and wellness services for adults and youth, and will include facilities for speech and physical therapy, medical examinations, social work services, and other activities. Landscaped grounds and gardens will allow for outdoor activities. Additionally, approximately one-fourth of the facilities will serve as a day care center, offering the opportunity for intergenerational activities that benefit both children and adults.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the operation of the Waipahu community adult day health center and youth day care center pilot project.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of ~~\$200,000~~ \$50,000¹ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002-2003 for the operation of the Waipahu community adult day health center and youth day care center pilot project.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2002.

(Approved June 25, 2002.)

Note

1. Item vetoed, replaced, and initialed "BJC".