

ACT 42

S.B. NO. 1154

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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

SECTION 1. In 1989, the legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 106, S.D. 1, which called for the creation of a task force to examine the provision of services to Hawaiians. This task force, composed of eighteen public and private sector groups, was established and named the Hui 'Imi task force for

Hawaiian services. Its defined purpose was to make findings and recommendations concerning the coordination of public and private services available to Hawaiians in the areas of education, economic development, housing, employment, medicine, law, cultural issues, and social service issues.

The task force produced a two-volume report entitled, *The Hui 'Imi Task Force for Hawaiian Services*, volume I and volume II, in accordance with the directive of the concurrent resolution. The report contained findings and thirty-nine recommendations and was distributed to all legislators in 1991, at which time the formal legislative authorization of the task force ended.

The members of the task force have continued to work together informally to address a variety of issues relating to the delivery of social services to native Hawaiians. In 1997, the legislature passed Act 376, which formally temporarily reauthorized the task force as the "Hui 'Imi advisory council".

The legislature finds that the work of the Hui 'Imi advisory council remains a valuable resource to the State and the native Hawaiian community, by serving as a forum in which ideas and concerns relating to human services issues important to Hawaiians may be expressed and shared among the public and private agencies involved in the delivery of those services to the native Hawaiian community. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make the Hui 'Imi advisory council permanent and place it within the office of Hawaiian affairs for administrative purposes only.

SECTION 2. Chapter 10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§10- Hui 'Imi advisory council. (a) There is established a Hui 'Imi advisory council, to be placed within the office of Hawaiian affairs for administrative purposes only. The advisory council shall consist of representatives from the following:

- (1) Office of Hawaiian affairs;
- (2) Department of education;
- (3) Department of Hawaiian home lands;
- (4) Department of health;
- (5) Department of human services;
- (6) Department of business, economic development, and tourism;
- (7) Department of land and natural resources;
- (8) University of Hawaii;
- (9) House of representatives standing committee with primary jurisdiction over Hawaiian affairs;
- (10) Senate standing committee with primary jurisdiction over Hawaiian affairs;
- (11) Alu Like, Inc.;
- (12) The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs;
- (13) E Ola Mau;
- (14) The Kamehameha Schools;
- (15) The Lunalilo Home;
- (16) The Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum;
- (17) The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation;
- (18) Papa Ola Lokahi;
- (19) The Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center;
- (20) Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; and
- (21) Any other agency, organization, or entity that expresses interest to participate in fulfilling the advisory council's mandate.

The advisory council shall make a good faith effort to include as members other public and private agencies, organizations, or entities that express interest in fulfilling the advisory council's mandate.

(b) Each member shall be appointed by the director or other chief executive of the member's organization within forty-five days following the effective date of this Act. The advisory council members shall select a chairperson and establish procedural rules for its internal administration. The rules shall be exempt from the public notice and hearing provisions of chapter 91. Administrative expenses of the advisory council, such as photocopying, postage, stationery, and office supplies incidental to the performance of members' duties may be reimbursed out of appropriations made to the advisory council, but members of the advisory council shall otherwise serve without compensation and without reimbursement for travel expenses.

(c) The Hui 'Imi advisory council shall:

- (1) Serve as a liaison between public and private entities serving the Hawaiian community in the planning and development of collaborative public and private endeavors;
- (2) Investigate the issues described in the Hui 'Imi task force report volumes I and II and such other issues affecting Hawaiians as the advisory council shall designate; and
- (3) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations, which report shall include an action plan for the implementation of the Hui 'Imi task force report volumes I and II, with a view toward incorporating the action plan into the state general plan. The report shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2005."

SECTION 3. Act 376, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is repealed.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2003.

(Approved April 30, 2003.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.