ACT 143

S.B. NO. 27

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Kapiolani Child At-Risk Evaluation Program.

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

SECTION 1. The Kapiolani Health System reports that over two thousand five hundred children are abused and neglected each year in Hawaii. The Kapiolani Child At-Risk Evaluation Program is dedicated to helping those children. Its mission is to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and compassionate forensic health services to children who are victims or suspected victims of abuse and neglect. The Kapiolani Child At-Risk Evaluation Program offers pre-placement medical evaluations and comprehensive health evaluations for children entering foster care and forensic medical evaluations for children who are being investigated for allegations of abuse and neglect.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children for the Kapiolani Child At-Risk Evaluation Program.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2005-2006, as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children with the intent to fund the Kapiolani Child At-Risk Evaluation Program.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2005.

(Approved June 21, 2005.)