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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

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Part I

SECTION 1. **Noncustodial/absent parent program.** The purpose of the memorandum of agreement between the department of human services and the department of labor and industrial relations is to provide employment services to the noncustodial parent of current temporary assistance for needy families program recipient cases. These services shall be designed to encourage noncustodial parents to take part in voluntary services that will assist them in becoming gainfully employed. A "work first" approach shall be employed with these parents, seeking to permit the labor market to determine the ultimate employability of the parent. To the extent that the labor market validates that the employability of the parent is premature, the department of labor and industrial relations may use resources under this memorandum of agreement to prepare the parent for employment. Further, the department of labor and industrial relations may design and implement other programs and



1 services that meet any one or more of the four purposes of the
2 temporary assistance for needy families program.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated or authorized from the
4 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
5 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2006-2007, for the noncustodial/absent parent program
7 pursuant to part I of this Act; provided that funds shall be
8 used only for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 human services for the purposes of part I of this Act.

11 Part II

12 SECTION 3. **Direct temporary assistance for needy families**
13 **expenditure on child welfare services.** The following child
14 welfare services purchase of services contracts are funded
15 directly by the temporary assistance for needy families program
16 through a memorandum of agreement with the social services
17 division of the department of department of human services:

18	Contract No.	Title	Funded Amount
19	1. DHS-05-POS-1961	Neighborhood places	\$296,667
20	2. DHS-05-POS-2186	Neighborhood places	593,333
21	3. DHS-05-POS-2172	Family Centers	132,000
22	4. DHS-05-POS-8531	Family Centers	68,000



1	5.	DHS-05-POS-2138	Hawaii Advocate Program	2,686,771
2	6.	DHS-05-POS-2166	Healthy Start - East HI	267,473
3	7.	DHS-05-POS-2135	Healthy Start - West HI	386,525
4	8.	Pending	Healthy Start Statewide	2,636,102
5			Total	\$7,006,871

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated or authorized from the
7 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
8 \$7,006,871, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2006-2007, for direct temporary assistance for needy
10 families expenditure on child welfare services pursuant to part
11 II of this Act; provided that funds shall be used only for
12 purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 human services for the purposes of part II of this Act.

15 Part III

16 SECTION 5. **Food stamp outreach.** The purpose of this
17 program is to implement, test, and evaluate strategies that make
18 the entire process from certification to recertification for the
19 receipt of food stamps easier and more efficient for applicants
20 and participants. This program targets the general statewide
21 population with particular emphasis on working and unemployed



1 families, former temporary assistance for needy families
2 recipients, seniors, persons with disabilities, and immigrants.

3 SECTION 6. There is appropriated or authorized from the
4 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
5 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2006-2007, for the food stamp outreach program pursuant to
7 part III of this Act; provided that funds shall be used only for
8 purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 human services for the purposes of part III of this Act.

11 Part IV

12 SECTION 7. **Caregiver training and apprenticeship program**
13 **for temporary assistance for needy families recipients**
14 **participating in work programs.** The purpose of this memorandum
15 of agreement between the department of human services and the
16 department of health is to implement a caregiver training and
17 apprenticeship program, an integral part of the governor's long-
18 term living initiative, to address workforce development. One
19 critical component of the training program is providing
20 apprenticeship at hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home
21 health agencies to provide nurses' aides with opportunities to
22 develop and enhance their skill levels and to create a workforce



1 that will be able to provide culturally sensitive quality care
2 and services.

3 SECTION 8. There is appropriated or authorized from the
4 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
5 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2006-2007, for the caregiver training and apprenticeship
7 program for temporary assistance for needy families recipients
8 participating in work programs pursuant to part IV of this Act;
9 provided that funds shall be used only for purposes authorized
10 under federal guidelines.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 human services for the purposes of part IV of this Act.

13 Part V

14 SECTION 9. **Temporary assistance for needy families**
15 **services through the counties.** The department of human
16 services shall fund the counties to procure services and
17 programs through a competitive procurement process and implement
18 these services and programs that meet any one or more of the
19 purposes of the temporary assistance for needy families program.

20 SECTION 10. There is appropriated or authorized from the
21 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
22 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2006-2007, for department of human services for temporary
 2 assistance for needy families services through the counties
 3 pursuant to part V of this Act; provided that funds shall be
 4 used only for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 6 human services for the purposes of part V of this Act.

7 Part VI

8 SECTION 11. **UPLINK expansion.** The purpose of this part is
 9 to expand a program that provides a positive experience and
 10 opportunities for teens that is based on a mix of required
 11 activities to shape healthy beliefs and lifestyles that are
 12 aimed at reducing risky behaviors, including teen pregnancy
 13 prevention.

14 SECTION 12. There is appropriated or authorized from the
 15 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
 16 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 17 year 2006-2007, for expansion of the UPLINK program pursuant to
 18 part VI of this Act; provided that funds shall be used only for
 19 purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 21 human services for the purposes of part VI of this Act.

22 Part VII



1 SECTION 13. **Community-based after school programs for**
2 **youth.** This program delivers a comprehensive set of service
3 activities of community-based outreach, case management, and
4 positive alternative activities related to teen pregnancy
5 prevention and family strengthening that are conducted and
6 available during after-school hours, weekends, and school
7 intercessions and holidays.

8 SECTION 14. There is appropriated or authorized from the
9 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
10 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2006-2007, for the community-based after school programs
12 for youth pursuant to part VII of this Act; provided that funds
13 shall be used only for purposes authorized under federal
14 guidelines.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 human services for the purposes of part VII of this Act.

17 Part VIII

18 SECTION 15. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) This subsection does not apply to general assistance
21 to households without minor dependents. The standard of need
22 for families of given sizes shall equal the poverty level

1 established by the federal government in [~~1993~~] 1999, prorated
2 over a twelve-month period.

3 The assistance allowance provided shall be based on a
4 percentage of the standard of need. For exempt households and
5 households in which all caretaker relatives are minors, living
6 independently with minor dependents and attending school, the
7 assistance allowance shall be set at sixty-two and one-half per
8 cent of the standard of need. For all other households, the
9 assistance allowance shall be set no higher than sixty-two and
10 one-half per cent of the standard of need and set no lower than
11 fifty per cent of the standard of need. The standard of need
12 shall be determined by dividing the [~~1993~~] 1999 federal poverty
13 level by twelve and rounding down the quotient. The remaining
14 quotient shall be multiplied by the per cent as set by the
15 director by rules pursuant to chapter 91 and the final product
16 shall be rounded down to determine the assistance allowance;
17 provided that:

18 (1) The department may increase or reduce the assistance
19 allowance as determined in this subsection for non-
20 exempt households for the purpose of providing work
21 incentives or services under part XI of this chapter;



- 1 (2) No reduction shall be allowed that jeopardizes
- 2 eligibility for or receipt of federal funds;
- 3 (3) Reductions in the assistance allowance shall be
- 4 limited to no more than one per year; and
- 5 (4) No non-exempt household, which includes an adult who
- 6 has received sixty cumulative months of temporary
- 7 assistance to needy families with minor dependents,
- 8 shall be eligible for an assistance allowance, unless
- 9 authorized by federal regulations."

10 SECTION 16. There is appropriated or authorized from the
11 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
12 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2006-2007, to fund the increase in the assistance allowance
14 as a result of the increase in the standard of need occasioned
15 by the change of the federal poverty level from 1993 to 1999
16 pursuant to part VIII of this Act; provided that funds shall be
17 used only for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 human services for the purposes of part VIII of this Act.

20 Part IX

21 SECTION 17. **Rental assistance for current and former**
22 **participants in the temporary assistance for needy families and**



1 **temporary assistance to other needy families programs.** The
2 department of human services shall assist current and former
3 participants in the temporary assistance for needy families and
4 temporary assistance to other needy families programs with the
5 first month's rent and an identical amount for a rental security
6 deposit.

7 SECTION 18. There is appropriated or authorized from the
8 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
9 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2006-2007, for rental assistance for current and former
11 participants in the temporary assistance for needy families and
12 temporary assistance to other needy families programs pursuant
13 to part IX of this Act; provided that funds shall be used only
14 for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 human services for the purposes of part IX of this Act.

17 Part X

18 SECTION 19. **Nonschool hours program.** The legislature
19 finds that many children are on their own in the morning and
20 afternoon before and after the school bell rings. Nationally,
21 nearly two-thirds of school-age children are in homes with both
22 parents working, yet very few communities have a comprehensive



1 system of before and after-school care for children. While
2 Hawaii is fortunate to have the A+ program for students in
3 grades K-6, older children also need adult supervision. When
4 older children are unsupervised in the morning, afternoon,
5 evening, weekend, and holiday hours, statistics clearly show
6 that rates of juvenile crime, drug use, and experimentation with
7 tobacco, alcohol, and sex increase.

8 The legislature further finds that there is widespread
9 agreement about the importance of establishing safe, structured
10 learning environments for children and youth during nonschool-
11 hours. The purpose of part X of this Act is to appropriate
12 funds for nonschool-hour programs for children and youth for
13 sixth through eighth grades.

14 SECTION 20. There is appropriated or authorized from the
15 temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of
16 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2006-2007, for nonschool-hour programs for children and
18 youth for sixth through eighth grades pursuant to part X of this
19 Act; provided that funds shall be used only for purposes
20 authorized under federal guidelines.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 human services for the purposes of part X of this Act.



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Part XI

SECTION 21. **About face program.** The purpose of this section is to fund the about face program.

SECTION 22. There is appropriated or authorized from the temporary assistance for needy families fund the sum of \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the about face program pursuant to part XI of this Act; provided that funds shall be used only for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

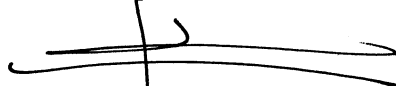
The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of part XI of this Act.

Part XII

SECTION 23. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 24. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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SB. NO. 2617

Report Title:

Appropriate Increased TANF Funding; Omnibus Funding Vehicle

Description:

Appropriates various amounts, including unspecified amounts, for various services to be funded from the increased federal fund ceiling for the temporary assistance for needy families program.

