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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:**

1           SECTION 1. Expenditures of federal temporary assistance  
2 for needy families (TANF) program funds must meet one of four  
3 specific purposes. These purposes are: (1) to provide  
4 assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for  
5 in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; (2) to end the  
6 dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting  
7 job preparation, work, and marriage; (3) to prevent and reduce  
8 the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and to establish  
9 numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of  
10 these pregnancies; and (4) to encourage the formation and  
11 maintenance of two-parent families. Congress recently enacted  
12 the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, P.L. 109-171, effective  
13 October 1, 2006, which will require Hawaii to meet heightened  
14 family work participation requirements and avoid financial  
15 penalty.

16           The legislature finds that when access to post-secondary  
17 education is included as part of workforce development it is an  
18 effective means to end dependence on government benefits, thus



1 promoting economic self sufficiency. The legislature further  
2 finds that the department needs to include the community and  
3 legislature in a strategic planning process to plan for future  
4 use of TANF funds.

5 PART I

6 SECTION 2. The purpose of this part is to appropriate or  
7 authorize moneys for work and work support programs for needy  
8 families to promote higher skill level job preparation and  
9 employment.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated or authorized from  
11 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of  
12 \$27,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2006-2007, for services that will assist temporary  
14 assistance for needy families recipients to prepare for, obtain,  
15 and retain gainful employment through these programs pursuant to  
16 part I of this Act; provided that funds shall be used only for  
17 purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

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

20 PART II

21 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that many children and  
22 youth are on their own in the mornings and afternoons before and



1 after the school bell rings. Nationally, nearly two-thirds of  
2 school-age children and youth are in homes with two working  
3 parents, but very few communities have a comprehensive system of  
4 before- and after-school care for children and youth. Although  
5 Hawaii has the A+ program for students in kindergarten through  
6 grade six, older children also need adult supervision. When  
7 older children are unsupervised in the mornings, afternoons,  
8 evenings, on weekends, and during other non-school hours,  
9 statistics clearly show an increase in the rates of juvenile  
10 crime, drug use, and experimentation with tobacco, alcohol, and  
11 sex.

12 Community-based programs deliver a comprehensive set of  
13 services, including community-based outreach, case management,  
14 positive alternative activities related to teen pregnancy  
15 prevention, and promotion of two-parent families. These  
16 programs provide positive experiences and opportunities for  
17 young people and are based on a mix of required activities that  
18 shape healthy beliefs and lifestyles and reduce risky behaviors.  
19 The programs operate during after-school hours, weekends, and  
20 other non-school hours, including school inter-sessions and  
21 holidays.



1 The legislature further finds that there is widespread  
2 agreement about the importance of establishing safe, structured  
3 learning environments for children and youth during non-school  
4 hours.

5 The purpose of part II of this Act is to appropriate funds  
6 for non-school hour programs for children and youth. The  
7 programs shall include community-based programs, summer  
8 programs, and programs for students in grades kindergarten  
9 through twelve.

10 SECTION 5. There is appropriated or authorized from  
11 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of  
12 \$11,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2006-2007, for programs pursuant to part II of this Act;  
14 provided that funds shall be used only for purposes authorized  
15 under federal guidelines.

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

18 PART III

19 SECTION 6. The purpose of this part is to appropriate or  
20 authorize moneys for programs or services for child welfare.

21 SECTION 7. There is appropriated or authorized from  
22 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of

1 \$7,040,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
2 year 2006-2007, and up to \$9,800,000 may be transferred from  
3 temporary assistance for needy families funds to the social  
4 services block grant, for programs pursuant to part III of this  
5 Act; provided that funds shall be used only for purposes  
6 authorized under federal guidelines.

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

9 Part IV

10 SECTION 8. The Legislature finds that the greatest threat  
11 to caring for children in their own homes is the escalating cost  
12 of housing. The purpose of this part is to appropriate or  
13 authorize moneys for programs or services for eligible families  
14 to assist with overcoming increasing costs of housing and to  
15 address homelessness.

16 SECTION 9. There is appropriated or authorized from the  
17 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of  
18 \$ , or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2006-2007, for programs pursuant to part IV of this Act;  
20 provided that funds shall be used only for purposes authorized  
21 under federal guidelines.



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

3 PART V

4 SECTION 10. There is appropriated or authorized from the  
5 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of  
6 \$19,800,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2006-2007, for child care services and up to \$19,800,000  
8 may be transferred to the child care development block grant,  
9 pursuant to part V of this Act; provided that funds shall be  
10 used only for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

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

13 PART VI

14 SECTION 11. There is appropriated or authorized from the  
15 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of  
16 \$57,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
17 year 2006-2007, for cash assistance benefits to families for  
18 eligible recipients of temporary assistance for needy families  
19 funds, pursuant to part VI of this Act; provided that funds  
20 shall be used only for purposes authorized under federal  
21 guidelines.



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

3 PART VII

4 SECTION 12. There is appropriated or authorized from the  
5 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of  
6 \$11,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2006-2007, for operating costs, including personnel,  
8 systems, and administrative expenses, pursuant to part VII of  
9 this Act; provided that funds shall be used only for purposes  
10 authorized under federal guidelines.

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

13 Part VIII

14 SECTION 13. The department of human services, with the  
15 assistance of the financial assistance advisory council, shall  
16 implement a strategic planning process involving the community  
17 to plan for future use of temporary assistance for needy  
18 families funds and to set annual goals and outcomes for existing  
19 and new programs receiving temporary assistance for needy  
20 families funds, pursuant to section 346-14.5. The department  
21 shall submit an annual report to the legislature no later than

1 twenty days prior to the beginning of each regular legislative  
2 session.

3 SECTION IX

4 SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.





**Report Title:**

Appropriate Increased TANF Funding; Omnibus Funding Vehicle

**Description:**

Appropriates or authorizes moneys for various services to be funded out of temporary assistance for needy families program funds. (SD1)

