
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 program funds must meet one of four specific
3 purposes. These purposes are:

4 (1) To provide assistance to needy families so that
5 children may be cared for in their own homes or in the
6 homes of relatives;

7 (2) To end the dependence of needy parents on government
8 benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and
9 marriage;

10 (3) To prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock
11 pregnancies and establish numerical goals for
12 preventing and reducing the incidence of these
13 pregnancies; and

14 (4) To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-
15 parent families.

16 Congress recently enacted the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005,
17 P.L. 109-171, effective October 1, 2006, which will require



1 Hawaii to meet heightened family work participation requirements
2 and avoid financial penalty.

3 The legislature finds that when access to post-secondary
4 education is included as part of workforce development it is an
5 effective means to end dependence on government benefits, thus
6 promoting economic self sufficiency. The legislature further
7 finds that the department of human services needs to include the
8 community and legislature in a strategic planning process to
9 plan for future use of temporary assistance for needy families
10 funds.

11 PART I

12 SECTION 2. The purpose of this part is to appropriate or
13 authorize moneys for work and work support programs for needy
14 families to promote higher skill level job preparation and
15 employment.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated or authorized from
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 services that will assist temporary
20 assistance for needy families recipients to prepare for, obtain,
21 and retain gainful employment through these programs pursuant to



1 this part; provided that funds shall be used only for purposes
2 authorized under federal guidelines.

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

5 PART II

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

19 Community-based programs deliver a comprehensive set of
20 services, including community-based outreach, case management,
21 positive alternative activities related to teen pregnancy
22 prevention, and promotion of two-parent families. These



1 programs provide positive experiences and opportunities for
2 young people and are based on a mix of required activities that
3 shape healthy beliefs and lifestyles and reduce risky behaviors.
4 The programs operate during after-school hours, weekends, and
5 other non-school hours, including school inter-sessions and
6 holidays.

7 The legislature further finds that there is widespread
8 agreement about the importance of establishing safe, structured
9 learning environments for children and youth during non-school
10 hours.

11 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for non-
12 school hour programs for children and youth. The programs shall
13 include community-based programs, summer programs, and programs
14 for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

15 SECTION 5. There is appropriated or authorized from
16 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of
17 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2006-2007, for programs pursuant to this part; provided
19 that funds shall be used only for purposes authorized under
20 federal guidelines.

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



PART III

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

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

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

14 PART IV

15 SECTION 8. The legislature finds that the greatest threat
16 to caring for children in their own homes is the escalating cost
17 of housing. The purpose of this part is to appropriate or
18 authorize moneys for programs or services for eligible families
19 to assist with overcoming increasing costs of housing and to
20 address homelessness.

21 SECTION 9. There is appropriated or authorized from the
22 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of

1 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2006-2007, for programs pursuant to this part; provided
3 that funds shall be used only for purposes authorized under
4 federal guidelines.

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

7 PART V

8 SECTION 10. There is appropriated or authorized from the
9 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of
10 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2006-2007, for child care services and up to \$ may
12 be transferred to the child care development block grant,
13 pursuant to this part; 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 this part.

17 PART VI

18 SECTION 11. There is appropriated or authorized from the
19 temporary assistance for needy families funds the sum of
20 \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
21 year 2006-2007, for cash assistance benefits to families for
22 eligible recipients of temporary assistance for needy families



1 funds, pursuant to this part; provided that funds shall be used
2 only for purposes authorized under federal guidelines.

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

5 PART VII

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

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

15 PART VIII

16 SECTION 13. The department of human services, with the
17 assistance of the financial assistance advisory council, shall
18 implement a strategic planning process involving the community
19 to plan for future use of temporary assistance for needy
20 families funds and to set annual goals and outcomes for existing
21 and new programs receiving temporary assistance for needy
22 families funds, pursuant to section 346-14.5. The department



1 shall submit an annual report to the legislature, no later than
2 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular legislative
3 session, concerning the implementation of this part.

4 PART IX

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

Report Title:

Appropriate Increased TANF Funding; Omnibus Funding Vehicle

Description:

Appropriates or authorizes unspecified amounts for various services to be funded out of temporary assistance for needy families program funds. (SD2)

