

JAN 25 2006

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The benefit, employment, and support services
2 division of the department of human services helps families
3 achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence and fosters
4 parental responsibility. In particular, the benefit,
5 employment, and support services division provides a monthly
6 benefit to disabled adults without minor children who are
7 temporarily unable to work due to disability or pending a social
8 security eligibility determination. The amount budgeted for
9 this program for fiscal year 2007 was based on the projection
10 that the division's caseload would continue to decrease at the
11 same rate as in prior years but a budget shortfall is expected
12 due to a slighter decline in caseload than anticipated. The
13 division will have to decrease the general assistance payments
14 from \$418 per month, unless additional funds are appropriated
15 for the program.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
17 general assistance payments for adults who are temporarily
18 unable to work.



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1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
4 increase the amount of monthly benefits for adults who are
5 temporarily unable to work due to disability or pending social
6 security eligibility to \$.

7 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
8 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

General Assistance; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the general assistance payments program of the benefit, employment, and support services division.

