
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the family self-
2 sufficiency program allows public housing residents and holders
3 of federal section 8 homeownership program rental vouchers to
4 build savings in an escrow account to be used for the down
5 payment on a home or other uses.

6 The purpose of this Act is to support homeownership by
7 households receiving low-income housing assistance by exempting
8 these family self-sufficiency escrow accounts from asset tests
9 used to determine eligibility for public benefit programs
10 administered by the department of human services.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
13 designated and to read as follows:

14 "§346- Family self-sufficiency escrow accounts; asset
15 test exemption. Moneys within an escrow account established
16 under the family self-sufficiency program of the United States
17 Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be disregarded



Report Title:

Family Self-Sufficiency Account; Public Benefit Eligibility

Description:

Provides that the Department of Human Services shall not consider moneys in Escrow Accounts established under the federal Housing and Urban Development Family Self-Sufficiency Program when determining eligibility for assistance or other benefits under Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

