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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. The legislature finds that the recent changes  
2 to the federal temporary assistance for needy families program  
3 rules and subsequent first-to-work program changes, which limit  
4 educational activities to two years of study leading to  
5 vocational or technical degrees in order to meet federal work  
6 requirements, grandfathers currently participating students and  
7 allows them to finish their education. For example, first-to-  
8 work participating students who are pursuing a baccalaureate  
9 degree are transferred to the state-funded bridge-to-hope  
10 program to continue their studies. However, new federal  
11 temporary assistance for needy families program first-to-work  
12 participating students are restricted to the new two-year  
13 education activity option to receive vocational or technical  
14 degrees. In other words, these students may not continue to  
15 pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree and favorite areas of  
16 study such as pre-nursing will no longer be available to them  
17 without violating federal work rules.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
 2 bridge-to-hope program to enable new federal temporary  
 3 assistance for needy families program first-to-work students to  
 4 continue their educational activities beyond the two-year  
 5 federal limit by transferring them to the state-funded bridge-  
 6 to-hope program.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so much  
 9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
 10 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 11 2008-2009, for the bridge-to-hope program to accommodate new  
 12 federal temporary assistance for needy families program first-  
 13 to-work students to enable them to pursue educational activities  
 14 beyond the new two-year federal limit.

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
 18 except that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

New TANF Recipients; Allow Educational Activities Beyond 2 Years

**Description:**

Appropriates \$            for FY 2007-2008 and \$            for FY2008-2009 for the bridge to hope program to accommodate new federal temporary assistance for needy families program recipient-students to enable them to pursue education activities beyond the new two-year federal limit.

