
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a self-sufficiency
2 standard that is measured appropriately and updated consistently
3 for the State of Hawaii would much more accurately reflect the
4 actual income needed to afford the basic necessities of life.
5 In 2003, a study conducted for the Hawaii state commission
6 on the status of women calculated the bare-minimum costs for
7 housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, clothing
8 and household costs, and federal and state tax obligations. The
9 result was a measurement of the cost of living in Hawaii that
10 took into account family size, children's ages, geography, and
11 number of household wage-earners. The study found that certain
12 households in Hawaii could require as much as double to triple
13 the amount listed in the federal poverty guidelines to meet
14 their basic living needs. A self-sufficiency standard for
15 Hawaii would be an excellent tool for lawmakers, the business
16 and education communities, and the nonprofit sector to improve



1 efforts to help lower-income families reach economic
2 sufficiency.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish and update
4 biennially a self-sufficiency standard for Hawaii.

5 SECTION 2. Section 201-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§201-3 Specific research and promotional functions of the
8 department. Without prejudice to its general functions and
9 duties the department of business, economic development, and
10 tourism shall have specific functions in the following areas:

- 11 (1) Industrial development. The department shall
- 12 determine through technical and economic surveys the
- 13 profit potential of new or expanded industrial
- 14 undertakings; develop through research projects and
- 15 other means new and improved industrial products and
- 16 processes; promote studies and surveys to determine
- 17 consumer preference as to design and quality and to
- 18 determine the best methods of packaging, transporting,
- 19 and marketing the [~~State's~~] state's industrial
- 20 products; disseminate information to assist the
- 21 present industries of the [~~State,~~] state, to attract
- 22 new industries to the [~~State,~~] state, and to encourage



1 capital investment in present and new industries in
2 the [~~State~~] state; assist associations of producers
3 and distributors of industrial products to introduce
4 [~~such~~] these products to consumers; and make [~~such~~]
5 grants or contracts as may be necessary or advisable
6 to accomplish the foregoing;

7 (2) Land development. The department shall encourage the
8 most productive use of all land in the [~~State~~] state
9 in accordance with a general plan developed by the
10 department; encourage the improvement of land tenure
11 practices on leased private lands; promote an
12 informational program directed to landowners,
13 producers of agricultural and industrial commodities,
14 and the general public regarding the most efficient
15 and most productive use of the lands in the [~~State~~]
16 state; and make [~~such~~] grants or contracts as may be
17 necessary or advisable to accomplish the foregoing;

18 (3) Credit development. The department shall conduct a
19 continuing study of agricultural and industrial credit
20 needs; encourage the development of additional private
21 and public credit sources for agricultural and
22 industrial enterprises; promote an informational



1 program to acquaint financial institutions with
2 agricultural and industrial credit needs and the
3 potential for agricultural and industrial expansion,
4 and inform producers of agricultural and industrial
5 products as to the manner in which to qualify for
6 loans; and make [~~such~~] grants or contracts as may be
7 necessary or advisable to accomplish the foregoing;

8 (4) Promotion. The department shall disseminate
9 information developed for or by the department
10 pertaining to economic development to assist present
11 industry in the [~~State,~~] state, attract new industry
12 and investments to the [~~State,~~] state, and assist new
13 and emerging industry with good growth potential or
14 prospects in jobs, exports, and new products. The
15 industrial and economic promotional activities of the
16 department may include the use of literature,
17 advertising, demonstrations, displays, market testing,
18 lectures, travel, motion picture and slide films, and
19 [~~such~~] other promotional and publicity devices as may
20 be appropriate; [~~and~~]



1 (5) Tourism research and statistics. The department shall
2 maintain a program of research and statistics for the
3 purpose of:

4 (A) Measuring and analyzing tourism trends;

5 (B) Providing information and research to assist in
6 the development and implementation of state
7 tourism policy;

8 (C) Encouraging and arranging for the conduct of
9 tourism research and information development
10 through voluntary means or through contractual
11 services with qualified agencies, firms, or
12 persons; and

13 (D) Providing tourism information to policy makers,
14 the public, and the visitor industry. This
15 includes:

16 (i) Collecting and publishing visitor-related
17 data including visitor arrivals, visitor
18 characteristics and expenditures;

19 (ii) Collecting and publishing hotel-related
20 statistics including the number of units
21 available, occupancy rates, and room rates;



- 1 (iii) Collecting and publishing airline-related
2 data including seat capacity and number of
3 flights;
- 4 (iv) Collecting information and conducting
5 analyses of the economic, social, and
6 physical impacts of tourism on the [~~State,~~]
7 state;
- 8 (v) Conducting periodic studies of the impact of
9 ongoing marketing programs of the Hawaii
10 tourism authority on Hawaii's tourism
11 industry, employment in Hawaii, state taxes,
12 and the [~~State's~~] state's lesser known and
13 underutilized destinations; and
- 14 (vi) Cooperate with the Hawaii tourism authority
15 and provide it with the above information in
16 a timely manner[-];

17 and

- 18 (6) Self-sufficiency standard. The department shall
19 establish and update biennially a self-sufficiency
20 standard that shall incorporate existing methods of
21 calculation and shall reflect, at a minimum, costs
22 relating to housing, food, child care, transportation,



1 health care, clothing and household expenses, federal
2 and state tax obligations, family size, children's
3 ages, geography, and the number of household wage
4 earners. The department shall report to the
5 legislature concerning the self-sufficiency standard
6 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
7 the regular session of 2009, and every odd-numbered
8 year thereafter.

9 The department shall be the central agency to coordinate
10 film permit activities in the [~~State-~~] state."

11 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic
12 development, and tourism shall periodically advise and make
13 recommendations to the legislature for the utilization of any
14 federal funding including, but not limited to, Temporary
15 Assistance for Needy Families and Workforce Investment Act funds
16 that may be available for the purposes of establishing and
17 updating the self-sufficiency standard.

18 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
21 department of business, economic development, and tourism to



1 hire one staff position to establish and update the self-
2 sufficiency standard.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Economic Self-sufficiency Standard

Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish and update biennially a self-sufficiency standard. (SB2840 HD1)

