

SB 252

I, Matthew Simmons, UH Social Work Student, support S.B. 252

As a taxpayer, I believe that the use of EBT and other similar electronic debit devices should exclude the buying of alcohol and tobacco because these items are not essential to health and living, and are in fact contradictory to many support programs put into place to help the vulnerable families in Hawaii live healthy, substance free lives. Rental assistance should be paid directly to the property owners of said housing to ensure oversight and better accountability of where the money has gone and precisely how the money was spent. It is my hope that we can continue to repair the social services statutes to ensure better oversight and accountability so that we may build a reserve of money to reinstate the many jobs that were lost as well as to provide more programs and assistance to the families and peoples of Hawaii that need support.