

JAN 22 2010

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE BUDGET SHORTFALL.

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

PART I

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2 SECTION 1. This part is recommended by the governor for
3 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
4 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

5 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that a critical funding
6 emergency exists. The general assistance program is a block
7 grant program, and the maximum allowance a general assistance
8 recipient may receive is determined by dividing the amount of
9 the appropriation by the number of general assistance
10 recipients. The general assistance program will expend all
11 appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and
12 the department will be unable to maintain the current maximum
13 general assistance payment benefit.

14 The legislature finds that the current assistance grant for
15 disabled persons is barely enough to cover living expenses for
16 persons on a fixed income who have no other viable means of
17 support. Stopping the grant payment or reducing the amount of



1 the grant payment for these persons poses a real threat to these
2 their health and safety. To prevent the reduction of general
3 assistance payments in the third and fourth quarters of fiscal
4 year 2009-2010, additional funds are urgently needed.

5 The purpose of this part is to appropriate additional
6 general funds to address expenses related to general assistance
7 payments from the department of human services.

8 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
9 there is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State
10 of Hawaii, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary for the purpose of making general assistance payments
12 for the months of January to June, 2010.

13 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
14 department of human services for the purposes of this part.

15 PART II

16 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the
17 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
18 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
19 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the
20 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
21 of this Act are severable.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Budget Shortfall; General Assistance

Description:

Emergency appropriation to address the budget shortfall for general assistance payments in January to June of 2010.

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