

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1429  
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
ABOUT FACE PROGRAM

PRESENTATION TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION,  
BUSINESS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee.

Good Morning. I'm BG Gary Ishikawa, Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

I am testifying on House Bill 1429 which makes an appropriation of \$2,850,000 out of the federal fund appropriation for the Department of Human Services to the Department of Defense About Face program.

We support the intent of this measure, however, given the current uncertainty with TANF funds, it would not be prudent to pursue enactment at this time.

This concludes my testimony, are there any questions?



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, and Military  
Affairs

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1429 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ABOUT  
FACE PROGRAM**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 10 2009; 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 312, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 1429 is to appropriate TANF funds for Hawaii National Guard's About Face! family of programs for FY 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) is in support of the intent of this bill, and respectfully requests the following amendments to the language in the bill:

1. On page 1, Section 1, lines 3 through 4, it states that one of the components of the About Face! program is "Keeping youth in school and improving their academic achievement". Further, in line 9, there is a statement of "Training youth in life, academic, work readiness, and critical thinking skills." To ensure compliance with TANF regulations prohibiting the use of TANF funds on the State's education system, please add language clarifying that these TANF-funded services must be for services offered during non-school hours, such as an after-school program. For clarity, a statement

should be added that these services will be “during non-school hours, such as after-school”.

2. Language in Section 2, lines 20 through 21, states that the funds appropriated shall be expended by the State Department of Defense. The only agency authorized to expend TANF funds by the Federal government is the Department of Human Services. Further, the Federal government only allows two types of direct transfers of TANF funds from DHS to another agency; transfer of TANF to the Child Care Development Fund Block Grant agency, and transfer of TANF to the Social Services Block Grant agency. Direct transfers of TANF funds to any other agencies are not allowed.

Therefore, it is recommended that Section 2 be amended to read, “Provided that of the federal fund appropriation for the department of human services, there is appropriated federal temporary assistance for needy families funds in the sum of \$2,850,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009 -2010 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010 -2011 that shall be expended for the about face! family of programs; provided further that the department shall work with the state department of defense in carrying out the purposes of this Act.”

The Department also respectfully requests that should the Legislature appropriate funds for this Act, current TANF appropriation restrictions on pregnancy prevention and positive youth development services be increased to reflect this additional appropriation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.