

# SB1293

Measure Title: MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Report Title: Department of Human Services; Emergency Appropriations

Description: Makes emergency appropriations from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2010-2011 to address the budget shortfall in cash support (HMS 211) and work program services and maintenance of effort contracts (HMS 903) in the Department of Human Services. Effective upon approval.

Companion: HB1066

Package: Gov

Current Referral: HMS/WAM

Introducer(s): TSUTSUI (BR)

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February 15, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
  
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1293 – MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 10:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 1293 is to make emergency appropriations from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2010-2011 to address the budget shortfall in cash support (HMS 211) and work program services and maintenance of effort contracts (HMS 903) in the Department of Human Services.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this Administration bill.

The programs that provide financial assistance for eligible adults with dependent children, the federally funded temporary assistance for needy families and the state-

funded temporary assistance for other needy families programs, will expend all appropriated funds, federal and state, by the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

The expeditious approval of this emergency appropriation is critical for the Department of Human Services to continue to provide cash assistance used for food, clothing, shelter and other essentials to approximately 9,849 families with children. Without an emergency appropriation of \$11,523,511 in general funds in HMS 211 for fiscal year 2010-2011, cash assistance will be discontinued.

An emergency appropriation of \$47,322,170 in general funds is also urgently needed in HMS 903 to maintain the contracts for work program services for financial assistance clients who are required by federal law to participate in work activities to receive assistance and to maintain the purchase of service contracts that help the State in meeting the maintenance of efforts requirements. Funding of these contracts is necessary to prevent the loss of federal funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

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

## **HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION**

**Topic: SB 1293 Emergency and Budget Fund Reserve**

**To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES:** Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair;  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

**To: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS:** Senator David Ige, Chair; Senator  
Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

**When:** Feb. 15, 2011, Tuesday, at 10:30 am

**Place:** Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Chun-Oakland; Vice Chair Ige, and Distinguished members. My name is Alan Johnson, I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, a hui of about 20 alcohol and substance abuse treatment agencies in Hawai'i.

### **HSAC Supports SB1293**

**Supporting programs that help TANF individuals and their families to be work eligible and find work will save funding for benefits, increase tax revenues and improve the economy.**

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information and are available for questions, if needed.