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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER NEEDY FAMILIES.

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

1       SECTION 1. Temporary assistance for other needy families  
2 provides monthly cash benefits to families that include at least  
3 one non-citizen or in which at least one child has both of his  
4 or her parents residing in the home. These benefits provide  
5 food, clothing, shelter, and other essentials for these  
6 families. Families that qualify for this program are eligible  
7 for state-funded welfare under temporary assistance for other  
8 needy families.

9       The legislature finds that the State's pleasant warm  
10 weather and year-round climate, coupled with its generous health  
11 care and public assistance benefits, draw an increasing number  
12 of homeless and other indigent individuals from out-of-state to  
13 Hawaii. The downturn in Hawaii's economy, coupled with finite  
14 state resources and increased demands on state public services  
15 by Hawaii residents and out-of-state individuals, have strained  
16 the amount of public services to a growing homeless and indigent  
17 population.



1           The legislature also finds that Garza County, Texas has  
2 established reasonable general eligibility requirements for  
3 public assistance applicants. To apply for public assistance,  
4 Garza County residents must provide proof that they have resided  
5 in the State of Texas continuously for the preceding six months  
6 and provide proof that they have resided in the County of Garza  
7 for the last thirty days of that time period.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require that applicants for  
9 temporary assistance for other needy families benefits reside in  
10 the State for at least six consecutive months immediately  
11 preceding their application to receive such benefits.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
14 designated and to read as follows:

15           "§346-     Temporary assistance for other needy families;  
16 eligibility requirements. To be eligible to receive benefits  
17 under the temporary assistance for other needy families program,  
18 the applicant shall have resided in the State for a period of at  
19 six consecutive months immediately preceding the application for  
20 assistance from the program."

21           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families; Six-Month Residency Requirement

**Description:**

Requires that applicants for Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families benefits reside in the State for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding their application to receive such benefits.

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