
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established in the department of
2 human services for administrative purposes a temporary
3 assistance for needy families benefits and coverage temporary
4 task force. The center for alternative dispute resolution shall
5 assist the temporary task force by providing a facilitator. The
6 task force shall discuss and seek input on the problems faced by
7 the State in administering the temporary assistance for needy
8 families program and possible methods that can be used to ensure
9 that temporary assistance for needy families benefits and
10 services are provided through public resources to properly
11 address the needs of recipients and their dependent children.
12 In addition, the task force shall research what other states are
13 doing with respect to the program that help to cover the cost of
14 temporary assistance for needy families benefits and develop a
15 working plan of services that temporary assistance for needy
16 families recipients may be required to perform to continue
17 receiving benefit coverage.



1 (b) The task force shall consist of eleven members, or the
2 member's designee, as follows:

3 (1) A member of the house of representatives appointed by
4 the speaker of the house of representatives;

5 (2) A member of the senate appointed by the president of
6 the senate;

7 (3) The director of human services;

8 (4) The administrator of the benefit, employment and
9 support services division of the department of human
10 services;

11 (5) The administrator of the child welfare services branch
12 of the department of human services;

13 (6) The attorney general;

14 (7) One member selected by the benefit, employment and
15 support services division who is a recipient of
16 temporary assistance for needy families benefits; and

17 (8) Four members appointed by the governor from a list
18 submitted jointly by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives and president of the senate, with each
20 member representing a different organization that
21 represents temporary assistance for needy families
22 recipients from each county.



1 (c) The members of the task force shall serve without
2 compensation and shall receive no reimbursement for expenses.

3 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
4 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
6 the regular session of 2013.

7 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2013.

8 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Task Force; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits

Description:

Establishes the temporary TANF benefits and coverage task force to look into the problems faced by the State in administering the TANF benefits program, see how other states cover the costs of providing TANF benefits, and develop a working plan of services that TANF recipients may be required to perform for benefits.

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