
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSET BUILDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the
2 National Council on Disabilities, forty-four per cent of
3 temporary assistance for needy families recipients are
4 individuals with disabilities. Further, almost twenty per cent
5 of these recipients are the parents of a child with a
6 disability. The legislature further finds that there is a
7 critical need to coordinate services for recipients to meet the
8 needs of individuals with disabilities along with the needs of
9 those for whom learning continues to be a lifelong struggle.

10 The legislature also finds that there is a need in Hawaii
11 to work toward establishing linkages and strengthening existing
12 ties between different services for teenagers with disabilities.
13 This should include services that teenage parents can use to
14 facilitate their transition to adulthood, such as vocational
15 rehabilitation services. There is a need to use temporary
16 assistance for needy families funds to create interagency
17 linkages that are designed to help teenagers meet the temporary
18 assistance for needy families rules, such as disability



1 coordination services between school systems and agencies.
2 Temporary assistance for needy families funds can also help to
3 provide support services, including assistance for a teenage
4 parent who receives supplemental security income with child care
5 or transportation services.

6 Temporary assistance for needy families funds can also
7 assist individuals with disabilities that require program
8 modifications and support services to participate in, and
9 benefit from, education and training programs. The State must
10 assist these individuals so that they can fulfill temporary
11 assistance for needy families work requirements. The need for
12 adequate screening and assessment is particularly acute for
13 these applicants and recipients with disabilities, because it is
14 unlikely that their disabilities will be identified.

15 Access to the proper expertise and resources should be
16 provided to assist individuals with disabilities who are unable
17 to navigate the existing benefits-application processes and to
18 ensure that the skills and experience to further assist those
19 who are unable to meet specified work requirements are
20 available.



1 The purpose of this Act is to enhance asset building for
2 individuals with disabilities and the parents of children with
3 disabilities by:

4 (1) Requiring the department of human services to
5 establish a pilot project to expand asset building
6 classes; and

7 (2) Appropriating funds for the pilot project.

8 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall
9 establish a three-year pilot project, beginning with fiscal year
10 2011-2012, to conduct and expand asset building classes
11 statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and the parents
12 of children with disabilities by helping them develop skills in:

- 13 (1) Accessing existing community resources;
14 (2) Assessment and training on assistive technology;
15 (3) Career exploration; and
16 (4) Basic computer literacy.

17 The department of human services may enter into contracts
18 pursuant to chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out
19 the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of temporary
21 assistance for needy families funds the sum of \$ or so
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and

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1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is
2 appropriated for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the department of
3 human services to establish a three-year pilot project,
4 beginning with fiscal year 2011-2012, to conduct and expand
5 asset building classes statewide to serve individuals with
6 disabilities and the parents of children with disabilities by
7 helping them develop skills.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Asset Building; Disabled Persons; TANF Funds; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a three-year pilot project within the Department of Human Services to conduct and expand asset building classes statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and the parents of children with a disability. Appropriates funds.

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