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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The director shall determine the allowance for  
4 general assistance to households without minor dependents based  
5 upon the total amount appropriated for general assistance to  
6 households without minor dependents [~~among~~] and other relevant  
7 [~~factors~~] factors, including other funds appropriated to the  
8 department."

9 SECTION 2. Section 346-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

11 "(e) Within the limitations of this section, the  
12 department [~~shall~~], by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91,  
13 shall determine:

14 (1) The allowance for general assistance to households  
15 without minor dependents [~~based upon the total amount~~  
16 ~~appropriated for general assistance to households~~  
17 ~~without minor dependents,~~] pursuant to section 346-  
18 53(b);



- 1 (2) A method for determining assistance amounts; and
- 2 (3) Other necessary provisions to implement general
- 3 assistance to households without minor dependents."

4 SECTION 3. The department of human services shall submit a  
5 report detailing the funds used and calculations made for  
6 general assistance to households without minor dependents  
7 pursuant to section 346-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for fiscal  
8 year 2014-2015 to the legislature no later than twenty days  
9 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2080.



**Report Title:**

Department of Human Services; General Assistance Program

**Description:**

Allows the Department of Human Services to draw from other funds appropriated to the Department of Human Services to maintain the level of general assistance benefits payments set at the beginning of each fiscal year for the entire fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2080. (SB2840 HD1)

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