

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Welfare.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 346-27 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 346-28 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**“Section 346-28. Transportation.** The director of social services may, in his discretion, authorize the payment of the cost of transporting any person who has insufficient income to provide a subsistence compatible with decency and health from the State, or from one of its subdivisions to another. The cost of the transportation shall not exceed the minimum fare to such point by the least expensive means of transportation available. The director may also furnish the person with sufficient assistance to maintain him with the necessities of life while on his journey.”

SECTION 3. The third paragraph of section 346-29 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows: In determining the needs of an applicant or recipient for public assistance, the department:

(1) Shall disregard such amounts of earned income as required by the Social Security Act or other federal acts, to receive federal matching funds and

such additional amounts as these acts permit, now or in the future, to be disregarded.

(2) Shall consider only such net income as is actually available for current use on a regular basis, and only current available resources will be considered.”

SECTION 4. Section 346-54 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

“**Section 346-54. Blind persons.** A person shall be eligible for public assistance who:

(1) Is in need and has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a subsistence compatible with decency and health;

(2) Has a central visual acuity which does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses or the widest diameter of his visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.”

SECTION 5. Subsection (5) of Section 346-55 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is repealed.

SECTION 6. Section 346-57 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

“**Section 346-57. Determination of amount of assistance.** The amount of public assistance granted, including funds received from the federal government, shall not exceed in the case of any applicant and his dependents an amount in excess of that determined upon investigation or by the decision of the department of social services to be compatible with maintaining decency and health, including payments to or on behalf of such persons for medical care. In granting public assistance to a person the department may take into account part or all of the needs of the person’s dependents or of those essential to his well-being, provided they also are eligible for public assistance. In the event that the grant has taken into consideration only part of the needs of the other eligible persons the grant shall be without prejudice to a separate grant of assistance to such persons or any of them, as may be proper upon consideration of their remaining needs and in compliance with this chapter.

SECTION 7. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 8, 1969.)

\* Edited accordingly