

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Social Services and Housing.  
*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 346-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read:

“(c) A person with dependent children in the home shall be eligible for general assistance if the person:

- (1) Is unemployed for reasons other than voluntary separation without good cause or for misconduct within twelve months prior to application; and
- (2) Is actively and diligently seeking gainful employment; and
- (3) Has not refused to accept employment when offered; and
- (4) Has registered and is available for work as required by section 383-29; and
- (5) Has exhausted all of the person’s benefits under chapter 383; provided that if the benefits of any person under chapter 383 be less than those for which the person would be eligible under this section, the person shall be eligible for supplementary general assistance; and provided further that this provision of exhaustion shall not apply to those persons not entitled by law to such benefits; or
- (6) Is employed but without sufficient income or other resources to provide sufficient support to maintain the person or those dependent upon the person consistent with the standards of this chapter.

“Children” as used in this section means [a person] persons who:

- (1) [Is] Are ineligible for and [is] are unable to obtain aid under a federal assistance program; and

- (2) [Is] Are in need, and [has] do not have sufficient income or other resources to provide health care and support to maintain a standard consistent with this chapter; and
- (3) [Has] Have not attained the age of eighteen years; provided that a child between the ages of eighteen and nineteen years shall be eligible for assistance under this section, if the child is a full-time student enrolled in a public or private secondary school, or equivalent level of vocational or technical school; and further provided that the child is expected to complete the program of the secondary school or vocational or technical school before reaching age nineteen; and
- (4) [Is] Are living in a home with [his] their father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, or hanai parents in a place of residence maintained by such relative as his or her own home[]; or is living in a family home or institution conforming to the standards fixed by the department].

A child for the purposes of this section does not include an unborn child or fetus.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 18, 1985.)