

ACT 154

H.B. NO. 362

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 1983, as amended by Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 1985, Act 134, Session Laws of 1987, and Act 208, Session Laws of 1988, is amended by amending the definition of "non-Medicaid recipient" to read as follows:

" "Non-Medicaid recipient" means an individual whose income is at least [two] one hundred per cent of and not more than [four] three hundred per cent of the current medical assistance community income limit; and whose personal reserve is [at least one hundred per cent of and] not more than four hundred per cent of the current medical assistance limit for personal reserve retention."

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

"(b) The assistance allowance provided shall be based on a percentage of the standard of need. On July 1, [1988,] 1989, the assistance allowance shall be set at sixty-two and one half per cent of the standard of need. Changes in the financial assistance standard of need and the assistance allowance shall become effective on July 1 of each year thereafter, subsequent to any change in the federal poverty level."

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1989-1990 to be exceeded by \$1,695,232, or 0.072 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,695,232, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1989-1990, and the sum of \$1,989,999, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to carry out the purposes of Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 7, 1989.)