

ACT 2

H.B. NO. 3322

A Bill for an Act Making Emergency Appropriations for the Payment Programs.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 289, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of human services to provide funds for the payment programs under the family and adult services division for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1994. The payment programs have been designated as the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Assistance (GA), and the Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD).

A critical funding emergency exists. The payment programs will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide financial assistance to needy individuals and families. The increase in caseload is the primary contributing factor to this financial situation. The GA/AABD average monthly caseload for the first quarter of fiscal year 1993-1994 increased in excess of ten per cent over the fiscal year 1992-1993 average monthly caseload. The AFDC average monthly caseload for the first quarter of fiscal year 1993-1994 increased in excess of seven per cent over the fiscal year 1992-1993 average monthly caseload.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize moneys to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of financial assistance payments to needy individuals and families under the payment programs.

SECTION 3. There are appropriated or authorized out of the funding sources indicated below the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1993-1994, to be used for financial assistance payments to applicants and recipients.

General Funds:	\$10,300,139
Federal Funds:	\$ 7,203,668

SECTION 4. The sums appropriated or authorized shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved March 18, 1994.)