

ACT 302

H.B. NO. 2258

A Bill for an Act Relating to Human Services.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§346- Expenditure of temporary assistance for needy families funds.

(a) Funds received by the State under the temporary assistance for needy families program block grant shall be subject to appropriation by the legislature and shall not be expended by the department without a legislative appropriation.

(b) No later than thirty days before the convening of each regular session, the department shall submit to the legislature:

- (1) A plan, developed in consultation with temporary assistance for needy families program heads of households and other community members familiar with such families' situations and needs, that:
 - (A) Details how the funds received under the temporary assistance for needy families program shall be expended; and
 - (B) Describes the desired outcomes from the expenditure of the funds;
- (2) A report about the continuing strategic planning process, with the assistance of the financial assistance advisory council, to:
 - (A) Involve the community in planning for the future use of temporary assistance for needy families funds; and
 - (B) Set annual goals and outcomes for existing and new programs receiving temporary assistance for needy families funds, pursuant to section 346-14.5; and
- (3) A report on the effectiveness and level of success in reaching the desired outcomes under:
 - (A) Paragraphs (1) and (2); and
 - (B) Programs from the previous two fiscal years using temporary assistance for needy families funds.

(c) During the interim following the regular session of 2006 and thereafter when the legislature is not in session, the department may receive and expend federal funds related to the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to chapter 346-8, subject to approval by the governor, which are supplemental to the temporary assistance for needy families block grant or are obtained competitively under the temporary assistance for needy families program. The department shall submit to the legislature a report no later than twenty days before the convening of each regular session regarding:

- (1) Any funds received and expended;
- (2) The purposes for which the funds were expended; and

(3) Outcomes achieved, pursuant to this section.”

PART II

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,191,058 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the purpose of supporting and expanding the chore services program to provide high-quality elder care and services to Hawaii’s elderly and disabled populations.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this section.

PART III

SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the Hawaii Even Start Family Literacy Program is a human services program that assists at-risk parents and their young children in low-income communities. The program promotes literacy and assists with job preparation, education, and parenting skills.

The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Even Start Family Literacy Program.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the federal temporary assistance for needy families program funds the sum of \$600,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Hawaii Even Start Family Literacy Program.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this section.

PART IV

SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

(Became law on July 11, 2006, without the Governor’s signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.