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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	"§346- QUEST-spenddown program; eligibility. In
5	determining eligibility due to excess income for the QUEST-
6	spenddown program, the department shall apply a medically needy
7	standard that is equal to the current federal poverty level for
8	a family of the same size."
9	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the
12	QUEST-spenddown program.
13	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14	human services for the purposes of this Act.
15	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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INTRODUCED BY:

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



Report Title:

Medicaid; Cost Share Program

Description:

Statutorily requires the Medicaid spend-down level to be equal to the current federal poverty level.