## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CARE HOMES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 amended to read as follows: 2 3 "\$346-53 Determination of amount of assistance. (a) This subsection does not apply to general assistance to households 4 without minor dependents. The standard of need for families of 5 given sizes shall equal the poverty level established by the 6 7 federal government in 1993, prorated over a twelve-month period. The assistance allowance provided shall be based on a 8 percentage of the standard of need. For exempt households and 9 households in which all caretaker relatives are minors, living 10 independently with minor dependents and attending school, the 11 assistance allowance shall be set at sixty-two and one-half per 12 cent of the standard of need. For all other households, the 13 assistance allowance shall be set no higher than sixty-two and 14 one-half per cent of the standard of need and set no lower than 15 fifty per cent of the standard of need. The standard of need 16 shall be determined by dividing the 1993 federal poverty level 17 by twelve and rounding down the quotient. The remaining 18

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- 2 by the director by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91 and the
- 3 final product shall be rounded down to determine the assistance
- 4 allowance; provided that:
- The department may increase or reduce the assistance
  allowance as determined in this subsection for
  non-exempt households for the purpose of providing
  work incentives or services under part XI of this
  chapter;
  - (2) No reduction shall be allowed that jeopardizes eligibility for or receipt of federal funds;
    - (3) Reductions in the assistance allowance shall be limited to no more than one per year; and
- 14 (4) No non-exempt household, which includes an adult who
  15 has received sixty cumulative months of temporary
  16 assistance to needy families with minor dependents,
  17 shall be eligible for an assistance allowance, unless
  18 authorized by federal regulations.
- 19 (b) The director shall determine the allowance for general 20 assistance to households without minor dependents based upon the 21 total amount appropriated for general assistance to households 22 without minor dependents, among other relevant factors.

1	(c) The director, pursuant to chapter 91, shall determine							
2	the rate of payment for domiciliary care, including care							
3	provided in developmental disabilities domiciliary homes,							
4	developmental disabilities adult foster homes, community care							
5	foster family homes, and developmental disabilities apartment							
6	complexes, provided to recipients eligible either for [Federal							
7	Supplementary Security Income, [federal supplemental security							
8	income, or public assistance in accordance with state standards,							
9	or both. The director shall provide for level of care payment $\underline{ \cdot }$							
10	beginning January 1, 2007, as follows:							
11	(1) For those adult residential care homes classified as							
12	facility type I, licensed developmental disabilities							
13	domiciliary homes and developmental disabilities							
14	apartment complexes as defined under section 321-15.9,							
15	community care foster family homes as defined under							
16	section 346-331, and adult foster homes as defined							
17	under section 321-11.2, the state supplemental payment							
18	shall not exceed $[\$521.90;]$ $\$$ ; and							
19	(2) For those adult residential care homes classified as							
20	facility type II, the state supplemental payment shall							
21	not exceed [ <del>\$629.90.</del> ] \$ .							

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    consistent with the needs of the individual to the satisfaction
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    another facility.
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         The department shall handle abusive practices under this
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    section in accordance with chapter 91.
         Nothing in this subsection allows the director to remove a
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    recipient from an adult residential care home or other similar
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    institution if the recipient does not desire to be removed and
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    the operator is agreeable to the recipient remaining, except
    where the recipient requires a higher level of care than
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    provided[7] or where the recipient no longer requires any
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    domiciliary care.
         (d) On July 1, 2006 and thereafter, as the department
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    determines a need, the department shall authorize a payment, as
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    allowed by federal law, for resident clients receiving
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    supplemental security income in adult residential care home type
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    I and type II facilities when state funds appropriated for the
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    purpose of providing payments under subsection (c) for a
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    specific state fiscal year are not expended fully within a
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    period that meets the requirements of the department's
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- 1 maintenance of effort agreement with the Social Security
- 2 Administration.
- 3 The payment shall be made with that portion of the state
- 4 funds identified in this subsection that has not been expended.
- 5 The department shall determine the rate of payment to
- 6 ensure compliance with its maintenance of effort agreement with
- 7 the Social Security Administration.
- **8** [<del>(d)</del>] (e) The department shall pay rental and utility (to
- 9 include gas, electricity, and water only) deposits once only for
- 10 any person eligible for financial assistance by the department.
- 11 However, under extraordinary circumstances as determined by the
- 12 department, an additional rental deposit, utility deposit, or
- 13 both, may be granted.
- 14 (f) Any recipient may petition the department for
- 15 additional assistance when the recipient's need is due to
- 16 emergencies caused by seismic wave, tsunami, hurricane, volcanic
- 17 eruption, typhoon, earthquake, flood, or fire determined by the
- 18 director to have caused losses as to require and justify
- 19 additional assistance from the State. In addition, any
- 20 recipient may petition the department for additional assistance
- 21 for the replacement or repair of household appliances. Such
- 22 additional assistance shall be paid on an emergency basis, as

- 1 determined by the department, to meet the cost of replacing or
- 2 repairing household appliances. If the cost of repairs of
- 3 household appliances is less than one-half the unit cost of the
- 4 item, the department shall pay for the cost of repairs. If the
- 5 cost of repairs of household appliances is more than one-half
- 6 the unit cost of the item, the department shall replace the
- 7 household appliance; provided that the replacement cost shall
- 8 not exceed \$350. For the purposes of this subsection,
- 9 "household appliances" means a refrigerator or a range.
- 10 The department shall establish an emergency fund, not to
- 11 exceed one per cent of total financial assistance from state
- 12 funds required by this chapter in the previous fiscal year. The
- 13 director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for
- 14 determining in which cases to grant lump sum payments to
- 15 recipients petitioning for additional assistance.
- 16 [(f)] (g) The department shall include protective child
- 17 care payment as a special needs item in the financial assistance
- 18 standard for cases of child neglect or abuse requiring placement
- 19 of a child in child care. The referral for protective child
- 20 care payment shall be from the department's child welfare
- 21 program, and the rate of payment shall be set by the department.

- 1 [<del>(g)</del>] (h) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to
- 2 chapter 91 to implement this section."
- 3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Adult Residential Care Homes; State Supplemental Payment

## Description:

Increases state supplemental payments, to unspecified amounts, for type I and II ARCHs, adult foster homes, and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, and adds developmental disabilities apartment complexes and community care foster family homes to providers receiving level of care payments. (SD2)