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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1	SECTION 1. Section 346-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
3	"(d) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 9
4	defining assets and to determine eligibility for medical
5	assistance; provided that [the]:
6	(1) For households with minor dependents, the department
7	shall disregard assets in determining the needs of
8	persons for medical assistance; and
9	(2) The cash surrender value of life insurance policies
10	owned by persons included in an application shall be
11	treated as assets."
12	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
14	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
15	the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16	year 2008-2009, to eliminate the asset limits for households
17	with minor dependents' applications for medical assistance.

- 1 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
- 2 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Asset Building; Application for Medical Assistance

Description:

Eliminates the asset limits for households with minor dependents' applications for medical assistance and appropriates funds for this purpose.