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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

**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 part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Temporary emergency public assistance; emergency  
5 management program. (a) Following the end of a proclamation,  
6 including any supplementary proclamations, by the governor  
7 declaring a state of emergency in the State under section 127A-  
8 14 and subject to available funds, the department may administer  
9 and provide temporary emergency public assistance, including  
10 necessary case management and other recovery services, to  
11 residents and organizations who were affected by a declared  
12 emergency, continue to require recovery assistance, and are not  
13 otherwise provided for under this chapter.

14 (b) There is established, within the office of the  
15 director, the emergency management program, which shall develop  
16 emergency management plans; conduct periodic emergency  
17 management training for staff and service providers; participate



1 in other federal, state, and county emergency management  
2 planning efforts; establish agreements with community partners  
3 to prepare and respond to emergency management events and  
4 disasters; pursue grants and technical assistance; and  
5 coordinate and develop data sharing agreements and information  
6 technologies capacity.

7 (c) To the extent that appropriations or private funds are  
8 made available, the department may contract with one or more  
9 provider agencies to administer temporary emergency public  
10 assistance, case management services, or any other recovery  
11 program for individuals or organizations affected by an  
12 emergency. Any procurement executed pursuant to this section  
13 shall be exempt from the procurement processes in chapters 103D  
14 and 103F until June 30, 2029.

15 (d) The department may accept grants, donations, and  
16 contributions from private or public sources for the purposes of  
17 this section, which may be expended consistent with the  
18 grantors' and donors' wishes."

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
21 much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2024-2025



1 for the emergency management program, including operating  
2 expenses and the hiring of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
3 permanent program administrator to implement the emergency  
4 management program and other staff.

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

7 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
8 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37 91 and 37 93,  
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
10 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
11 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024 2025 to be  
12 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
13 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
14 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024 2025 to be further  
15 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
16 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
17 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
18 for fiscal year 2024 2025 to be exceeded by  
19 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
20 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:



1 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Temporary Public Assistance After Emergencies; Emergency Management Program; DHS; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide temporary emergency assistance, case management, and other recovery services following the period covered by an emergency proclamation and establishes an emergency management program within the Director's office. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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