
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
8 127A-14 and subject to available funds, the department may
9 administer and provide temporary emergency public assistance,
10 including necessary case management and other recovery services
11 to residents and organizations who were impacted 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, an emergency management program that 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 impacted by a declared
12 emergency. Any procurement executed pursuant to this section
13 shall be exempt from the competitive procurement processes in
14 chapters 103D and 103F, not to exceed two years from the
15 effective date of Act _____, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024.

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

20 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
21 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
2 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
3 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
4 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
5 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
6 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
7 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
8 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
9 ceiling are that:

- 10 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
11 serve the public interest; and
- 12 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
13 addressed by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025, for the
17 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
18 administrator position to implement the emergency management
19 program and for operating expenses.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act, including the
3 hiring of staff and operating expenses.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
6 2050.



Report Title:

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

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 of Human Services' office. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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