ACT 40

H.B. NO. 3041-78

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Social Services and Housing: Making Supplementary Appropriations Out of General Revenues to Cover Certain Deficiencies for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. Act 10, Session Laws of Hawaii 1977, First Special Session, appropriated certain designated sums to the depart-

ment of social services and housing to provide payments for medical services and financial assistance to indigents and medical indigents under the department's economic assistance programs for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978.

To the best of its ability, the department is trying to operate within the appropriated amcunts for the fiscal year 1977–78. However, the department is providing for actual caseloads, patient loads and payment levels in excess of the estimates specified in Act 10, Session Laws of Hawaii 1977, First Special Session. Furthermore, higher costs for patient care are being realized. The amounts appropriated by Act 10 are insufficient to carry out the purposes of the economic assistance programs for the entire 1977–78 fiscal year at the present level of service.

To prevent a breakdown in services, it is urgent that additional monies be appropriated. Accordingly, the governor has recommended this bill for immediate passage.

SECTION 2. **Appropriation.** In addition to appropriations made for the same programs by any other act, the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to the department of social services and housing for the fiscal year 1977–78, for the following programs from the sources of funding specified below:

SOC 201	\$2,202,480 4,129,385	A N
SOC 202	1,313,618	Α
SOC 204	1,845,101	Α
SOC 230	7,366,606	Α
	4,532,445	N

The letter symbol following each appropriation indicates the source of funding and has the meaning set forth in Act 10, Session Laws of Hawaii 1977, First Special Session.

SECTION 3. Lapsing of appropriation. All unexpended and unemcumbered balances of the appropriations made by this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 1978, shall lapse into the general fund of the State.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved April 25, 1978.)