

A Bill for an Act Relating to Income Maintenance Programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The maximum basic needs allowance which the department shall [initially] pay a recipient considering income and resources in accordance with this chapter shall be \$100 plus an additional \$44 for each additional person whose needs have been taken into account by the department.] as provided in the following schedule:

- (1) \$134 for 1 person;
- (2) \$193 for 2 persons;
- (3) \$251 for 3 persons;
- (4) \$309 for 4 persons;
- (5) \$370 for 5 persons;
- (6) \$428 for 6 persons;
- (7) \$486 for 7 persons;
- (8) \$546 for 8 persons;
- (9) \$604 for 9 persons;
- (10) \$663 for 10 persons;
- (11) \$60 for each additional person.

Beginning January 1, 1978, and on or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter, the director shall submit a report to the legislature indicating the amount of additional moneys required to implement a cost of living increase for the adjusted basic needs allowance equal to the annual percentage increase, rounded to the nearest dollar:

- (1) In the average weekly wage in covered employment as computed by the director of labor and industrial relations pursuant to section 383-22, or
- (2) In the consumer price index for Hawaii as computed by the United States Department of Labor, whichever is lowest.

The director shall request that such amount be reflected in that portion of the executive budget relating to the department. If additional funds are appropriated for a cost of living adjustment, then the adjusted basic needs allowance shall be adjusted to reflect the appropriation. The department shall pay a recipient the maximum basic needs allowance if the department determines that the recipient's needs are not reduced by the recipient's income or resources.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1987.

(Approved April 27, 1987.)