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S.B. NO. 1420

A Bill for an Act Making Emergency Appropriations for the Payment Programs.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1992-1993 to be exceeded by \$6,175,152, or 0.198 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. Act 300, Session Laws of Hawaii 1992, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of human services to provide funds for the payment programs under the family and adult services division for the fiscal period

beginning July 1, 1992, and ending June 30, 1993. The payment programs have been designated as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Assistance (GA), and Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD).

A critical funding emergency exists. The payment programs will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and the division will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide financial assistance to needy individuals and families. The increase in the unemployment rate and the payment standard are the primary contributing factors to this financial situation. The expenditures for July 1992 increased in excess of nine per cent between the fiscal year 1992-1993 average expenditure and the July 1992 expenditures.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize moneys to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of financial assistance payments to needy individuals and families under the payment programs.

SECTION 4. There are hereby appropriated or authorized from the sources of funding indicated below the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1992-1993, to be used for financial assistance payments to applicants and recipients.

General Funds:	\$6,175,152
Other Federal Funds:	\$4,736,586

SECTION 5. The sums appropriated or authorized shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 7, 1993.)