## ACT 3

S.B. NO. 1682

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. Act 252, Session Laws of Hawaii 1994, appropriated or authorized specific amounts of funds 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, 1994 and ending June 30, 1995.

A critical funding emergency exists. The payment programs will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide financial assistance to needy individuals and families. The increase in caseload is the primary contributing factor to this financial situation. The general assistance caseload for the first month of fiscal year 1994-1995 increased in excess of eleven per cent over the fiscal year

1993-1994 average monthly caseload. The aid to families with dependent children caseload for the first month of fiscal year 1994-1995 increased in excess of five per cent over the fiscal year 1993-1994 average monthly caseload.

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 3. There are appropriated or authorized out of the funding sources indicated below the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1994-1995, to be expended for the following programs:

HMS 201, Payments to Assist Families with Dependent Children

General Funds: \$4,060,557 Federal Funds: \$4,060,557

HMS 204, Other General Assistance Payments

General Funds: \$4,690,498

SECTION 4. The sums appropriated or authorized shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances of any appropriation made by this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 1995 shall lapse into the appropriate fund.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved March 20, 1995.)