

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Human Services.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The governor may develop and implement through the department of human services an eligibility-processing operations division pilot project for the department of human services benefit, employment and support services division; social services division; and med-QUEST division that includes the intake, maintenance, and eligibility determination functions for public assistance, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, foster care services, and medicaid services for benefit recipients in any county with a population of five hundred thousand or more.

(b) The eligibility-processing operations division pilot project shall be developed and implemented pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. The department of human services shall not implement any reorganization plan, proposed prior to the effective date of this Act or other than the pilot project authorized by this Act, to transfer intake, maintenance, and eligibility determination functions for public assistance, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, foster care services, and medicaid services to an eligibility-processing operations division.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on June 30, 2011.

(Vetoed by Governor and veto overridden by Legislature on April 29, 2010.)