

ACT 30

S.B. NO. 1293

A Bill for an Act Making Emergency Appropriations for the Department of Human Services.

*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 Hawaii State Constitution.

SECTION 2. A critical funding emergency exists for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, in HMS 211 for the cash assistance payments made to needy families, and in HMS 903 for the contracts the department of human services has with public and private agencies that provide the work and employment program services for financial assistance clients and for the purchase of service contracts to nonprofit organizations who are contributing to the department's third party excess temporary assistance for needy families maintenance of effort.

The programs that provide financial assistance for eligible adults with dependent children, the federally funded temporary assistance for needy families and the state-funded temporary assistance for other needy families programs, will expend all appropriated funds, federal and state, by the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

The department of human services will not be able to provide cash assistance to approximately 9,849 families with children without an emergency appropriation of \$11,523,511 in general funds in HMS 211 for fiscal year 2010-2011.

An emergency appropriation of \$45,184,770 in funds is also urgently needed in HMS 903 to maintain the contracts for work program services for

financial assistance clients who are required by federal law to participate in work activities to receive assistance and to maintain the purchase of service contracts that help the State meet the maintenance of efforts requirements. Funding of these contracts is necessary to prevent the loss of federal funding for the temporary assistance for needy families program.

Further, the general assistance program is also in need of an emergency appropriation of \$520,815 in general funds in HMS 204. The general assistance program, which provides cash assistance to individuals who are single, disabled, unemployed, and unable to qualify for federal assistance, will run out of money before the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2011, at the current financial assistance payment of \$353 per month.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,523,511 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for cash support for families pursuing self-sufficiency (HMS 211) to address the funding shortfall for cash support payments for families with dependent children.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the emergency budget and reserve fund the sum of \$ 40,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for general support for self sufficiency services (HMS 903) to address the funding shortfall for work program services and maintenance of effort contracts.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 5,184,770 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for general support for self-sufficiency services (HMS 903) to address the funding shortfall for work program services and maintenance of effort contracts.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 520,815 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for general assistance payments (HMS 204) to address the funding shortfall for general assistance.

SECTION 7. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 28, 2011.)