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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§346-    Eligibility for public assistance; asset  
5 disregard. (a) The determination for eligibility for any  
6 public assistance program specified under subsection (b) shall  
7 disregard in its entirety the value of any asset, owned by the  
8 applicant or recipient, including:

- 9           (1) Personal property;  
10          (2) Real property;  
11          (3) Automobiles or motor vehicles;  
12          (4) Individual development accounts;  
13          (5) Individual retirement accounts;  
14          (6) Burial spaces and funeral plans;  
15          (7) Household goods (for example, appliances, furniture,  
16             and televisions);



- 1        (8) Personal effects (for example, clothes, shoes, and
- 2        jewelry not intended for investment);
- 3        (9) The cash value of life insurance policies;
- 4        (10) The cash value of pension plans or funds;
- 5        (11) Work-related equipment (for example, tools and
- 6        equipment used in a trade); and
- 7        (12) Liquid assets that can quickly be converted into cash
- 8        (for example, bank accounts, stocks, and bonds);
- 9        without regard to the nature or extent of the ownership interest
- 10       of the applicant or recipient in the asset, the value of the
- 11       equity (fair market value minus encumbrances), or in the case of
- 12       real property, the nature of the tenancy or the right thereto.

13       (b) Subsection (a) shall apply to the medicaid program,

14       temporary assistance to needy families program; food stamp

15       program; financial assistance program; MedQUEST program; and

16       QUEST-Net program."

17       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

18       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Requires the department of human services to disregard specified assets for purposes of determining eligibility for certain public assistance benefits.

