
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public assistance
2 programs currently limit eligibility to those with few or no
3 assets. The function of asset limits is to ensure public
4 resources reach individuals and families most in need. However,
5 there is growing recognition that asset limits can discourage
6 savings and prevent families from making investments that can
7 help them escape poverty. Assets, such as personal savings, are
8 precisely the kind of resources that allow families to move off
9 and stay off of public assistance programs.

10 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
11 human services to conduct a study to evaluate current asset
12 limits for public assistance programs, including the temporary
13 assistance for needy families program, and assess the effects of
14 changing the asset limits for those programs.

15 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall conduct
16 a study on asset limits for public assistance programs, which
17 shall include:

18 (1) An evaluation of current asset limits;



- 1 (2) Information on promising activities, policies, and
2 trends relating to asset limits; and
- 3 (3) The potential effects of changing the asset limits for
4 the supplemental nutrition assistance program,
5 temporary assistance for needy families program,
6 temporary assistance for other needy families program,
7 and Med-QUEST program.

8 The department shall submit a report of its findings and
9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2013.

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



Report Title:

Department of Human Services; Public Assistance Programs; Asset Limit; Study

Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to conduct a study on asset limits for public assistance programs. Requires a report to the legislature. (PROPOSED HB2685 CD1)

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