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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The director shall determine the allowance for  
4 general assistance to households without minor dependents based  
5 upon the total amount appropriated for general assistance to  
6 households without minor dependents, and other funds  
7 appropriated to the department of human services, among other  
8 relevant factors."

9 SECTION 2. Section 346-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

11 "(e) Within the limitations of this section, the  
12 department [~~shall~~], by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91,  
13 shall determine:

14 (1) The allowance for general assistance to households  
15 without minor dependents [~~based upon the total amount~~  
16 ~~appropriated for general assistance to households~~  
17 ~~without minor dependents,~~] pursuant to section 346-  
18 53(b);



- 1 (2) A method for determining assistance amounts; and
- 2 (3) Other necessary provisions to implement general
- 3 assistance to households without minor dependents."

4 SECTION 3. The department of human services shall submit  
5 to the legislature a report detailing the funds used and  
6 calculations made for general assistance to households without  
7 minor dependents pursuant to section 346-71, Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes, for fiscal year 2012-2013 no later than twenty days  
9 prior to the convening of the 2014 legislative session.

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Human Services; General Assistance Program

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Human Services to draw from other funds appropriated by the legislature to maintain the level of general assistance benefits payments set at the beginning of each fiscal year for the entire fiscal year. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB1100 HD1)

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