

JAN 19 2007

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 be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Personal needs allowance; domiciliary care homes;
5 long-term care homes. (a) There is created a personal needs
6 allowance to be administered by the department, which shall
7 provide recipients who reside in domiciliary care homes or long-
8 term care homes with funds on a monthly basis to pay for
9 clothing and other miscellaneous personal needs such as
10 toiletries, bus fare, personal postage costs, snacks, and other
11 costs of day-to-day living.

12 (b) The State's payment for personal needs allowance under
13 subsection (a) shall be \$50 per month. The director shall
14 periodically provide an additional allowance to reflect the
15 increase, if any, equal to the percentage amount of the
16 supplemental security income cost of living allowance increase
17 as determined by the federal government.



1 (c) The personal needs allowance payment is not intended
 2 to replace or affect funds received from the federal
 3 supplemental security income program, and shall be supplemental
 4 to any funds provided to a recipient by the federal supplemental
 5 security income program.

6 (d) The personal needs allowance shall be applied to
 7 persons otherwise eligible to receive the funds pursuant to
 8 state law or rules and federal laws or regulations, and is not
 9 intended to affect the classifications or number of persons
 10 eligible to receive such funds."

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1, or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
 14 provide a personal needs allowance for recipients who reside in
 15 domiciliary care homes or long-term care homes.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 17 human services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Personal Needs Allowance; Care Home Residents

Description:

Authorizes a personal needs allowance for eligible care home residents.

