

## PROGRAM CLARIFICATION

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SUBJECT: "BRIDGE TO HOPE" INCOME  
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### FOR INFORMATION:

This is a reissuance of PC 01-024, Bridge to Hope Income. This program clarification is being revised as income from the "Bridge to Hope" Program is now exempted by the Food Stamp Program (FSP).

The 2000 Legislature passed the "Bridge to Hope" program. This is a program by which AF-F adults are allowed to pursue post secondary education and work on campus. It is available to full time students. The weekly participation requirement is 20 hours of which at least 4 must be paid employment.

The Department has recently entered into a new Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Hawaii for SFY 2005 and will continue to fund the "Bridge to Hope" program. The University of Hawaii will administer these funds to provide campus work study opportunities to AF-F students on all UH campuses, including the community colleges, on a statewide basis.

### FOR ACTION:

#### **Financial Assistance Program:**

The Financial Assistance Program exempts this income as an educational grant under 17-676-80(30).

#### **Food Stamp Program:**

This income is exempt as effective 10/1/02, the FSP exempts all educational income from all funding sources (federal, state and private). For additional information, see PC 02-093, Food Stamp Changes Effective October 1, 2002, issued 8/15/02.

#### **Child Care Program:**

The Child Care Program only exempts educational income authorized under Title IV of the Social Security Act or authorized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (17-793-12(8)). "Bridge to Hope" does not meet this definition, therefore, it is not exempt income for the Child Care Program.