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**BY SAM SLOM - Welfare:** Hawaii #1! According to a new CATO Institute study, Hawaii is number one nationally in providing generous welfare benefits by a wide margin. As predicted years ago, Hawaii now spends more on welfare (\$2.75 BILLION annually) and subsidies than it does on public education. That's not right. A mother of two children, ages 1 and 4, in Hawaii receives nearly \$49,000 in welfare benefits, and it is tax free. The rest of us would need to have a job that paid \$60,000 a year to get the equivalent salary. See the study at [Cato.org](http://Cato.org)

**Bucks for Lo-Los.** The State Election Commission meets today, 10 am in the State Office Tower (Beretania Street next to the Capitol) and among other things, will, from behind closed doors, recommend a rumored \$20,000 salary increase for the Chief Elections Officer, Scott Nago. This is the same CEO who botched last year's elections statewide so badly with non-delivered ballots, erroneous ballots, etc., resulting in many residents not getting to vote. Nago should be fired, but instead they want to give him a salary hike. Outrageous. Public testimony is welcomed this morning.

**"Jobs," The Movie.** The new movie, "Jobs," about Apple's Steve Jobs, was a disappointment that the critics panned before it opened last Friday. Ashton Kutcher's lead performance was good- although there was a great deal of focus on the tech genius' sour side- and there were other good acting performances, but the story was flat. Interesting that this movie is NOT the authorized one based on the best selling book about Jobs; that comes later. This movie starts and ends in 2001 with the introduction of the iPod. It does not chronicle the subsequent great inventions (iPhone, iPad, etc.) and the miraculous financial turn around of Apple, Inc. A more engaging movie was the previous flick, "The Pirates of Silicon Valley," which chronicled the rise and close rivalry of Bill Gates of Microsoft and Steve Jobs of Apple. Still, "Jobs," is worth seeing - it is just not great.