
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
5 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
6 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
7 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-
8 2024 has already been exceeded by \$1,005,342,735 or 9.4 per
9 cent. The appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
10 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024
11 to be further exceeded by \$ or per cent. This
12 declaration considers the additional general fund appropriations
13 authorized for fiscal year 2023-2024 in this Act only. The
14 reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are
15 that:

16 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to
17 serve the public interest; and



1 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs
2 addressed by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that several instances of
4 asbestos disturbance have been reported at the department of
5 health's main offices at Kinau Hale, located at 1250 Punchbowl
6 Street, Honolulu, Oahu. Ambient air sampling by a private
7 environmental and industrial health and safety vendor throughout
8 the building found that any fibers in the air are at a level
9 below the minimum detection level. These minimum detection
10 levels are lower than the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health
11 Administration's actionable threshold of 0.1 fibers/cc, as well
12 as the more stringent industry standard for clearance level of
13 0.01 fibers/cc.

14 Although testing confirms that the air in Kinau Hale is
15 safe, these incidents are occurring more often, and the
16 building's overall condition is poor and has been steadily
17 deteriorating. A major incident, such as heavy rains causing
18 massive roof leaks, could turn the building into a localized
19 public health emergency.

20 The legislature further finds that Kinau Hale's location on
21 a large parcel adjacent to private medical facilities would make



1 it suitable for mixed-use redevelopment, including the
2 department's offices and private clinical facilities in a
3 public-private partnership.

4 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
5 appropriation to the department of health for emergency asbestos
6 remediation and temporary relocation of the main offices of the
7 department of health, if necessary, and preliminary planning for
8 redevelopment of the site.

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for
12 emergency asbestos remediation; moving costs and other expenses
13 associated with temporarily relocating the department of
14 health's offices at 1250 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Oahu, if
15 necessary; and preliminary planning for redevelopment of the
16 site.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 health for the purposes of the Act.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DOH; Emergency Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation for asbestos remediation; the temporarily relocation of Department of Health offices if necessary; and preliminary planning for the redevelopment of the Kinau Hale site. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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