A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. Hawaii is facing one of the most challenging 2 economic times in its history and these economic conditions have 3 necessitated difficult decisions by the State to balance an 4 already precarious budget. The reduction in force in state 5 government has reduced services to the public and has also had 6 an adverse effect on the efficiency and effectiveness of certain 7 key operational areas. Funding reductions have also impacted 8 the State's ability to provide services to those who are most 9 vulnerable to setbacks during this time of economic uncertainty 10 as well as the State's ability to fuel and sustain an economic 11 recovery. 12 The State's options for balancing the budget have, for the 13 most part, been exercised. This has resulted in negatively 14 impacting the ability of state agencies to sustain the delivery of core services to the public and to other state agencies. 15 16 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to appropriate **17** Hawaii hurricane relief fund moneys into the general fund to

make funds available to balance the State's budget for the 2011-



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- 1 2012 fiscal year and maintain the levels of programs determined
- 2 to be essential for education, public health, and public
- 3 welfare.
- 4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding provisions of chapter 431P,
- 5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the contrary, there is appropriated
- 6 out of the Hawaii hurricane relief fund the sum of \$42,000,000
- 7 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012
- 8 to be deposited into the general fund to balance the State's
- 9 budget and maintain the levels of programs determined to be
- 10 essential for education, public health, and public welfare.
- 11 The sum appropriated under this section shall be expended
- 12 by the department of commerce and consumer affairs for the
- 13 purpose of this section.
- 14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

Report Title:

Balancing the State budget; Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds from the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund into the State general fund to balance the State budget. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1043 HD1)

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