



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU, HAWAII

David Y. Ige
Governor

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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 930 – Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Office of the Governor.

The Office of the Governor respectfully asks for your support of H.B. No. 930.

This emergency appropriation is being requested to cover the unbudgeted costs for vacation payouts of Governor's office staff who departed from the former administration, payroll costs of staff who assisted the current Governor with his transition such as screening resumes, scheduling interviews of potential staff and Cabinet applicants, establishing essential office operations, and purchasing of supplies such as business cards for the Governor and new staff. Additionally, Governor Ige attended the new Governor's conference sponsored by the National Governor's Association in December, and will soon be attending the Spring conference. The Governor's office base budget did not include travel expenses for the Governor or for the Chief of Staff to attend these meetings, nor for in-state travel for meetings with neighbor island constituents. Finally, we would appreciate the legislature's consideration in granting a reasonable protocol fund, so that the Governor may host office meetings on behalf of the State.