
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the global
2 respiratory disease pandemic named "coronavirus disease 2019",
3 or COVID-19, has deeply impacted Hawaii's health and economy.
4 The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES
5 Act), Public Law 116-136, was enacted on March 27, 2020, to
6 address the extensive economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.
7 While the CARES Act provided \$1,250,000,000 to Hawaii, of this
8 amount, only the city and county of Honolulu received a direct
9 allocation of \$387,176,021 for certain specified expenditures.

10 The legislature further finds that our governmental
11 structure is unique compared to other states. Programs such as
12 public education, public safety correctional prisons and jails,
13 and hospitals are funded by the State and not the counties. As
14 a result, such program and service costs should be supplemented
15 by any share of federal moneys designated for the counties. In
16 addition, if a county requests services from the National Guard,



1 a portion of those costs should also come out of any specific
2 allocation to that county.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds received by
4 the State from the Act for the purpose of COVID-19
5 response and activities with funds for certain programs paid for
6 from the county share.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the funds received
8 by the State of Hawaii from the Act, the sum of \$1 or
9 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022
10 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
11 fiscal year 2022-2023 to be used for COVID-19 response conducted
12 pursuant to Public Law and associated guidance issued by
13 appropriate federal agencies; provided that:

14 (1) The amounts appropriated for public education, jails,
15 and hospitals shall be provided by the county direct
16 allocation, if any; and

17 (2) County requests for service from the National Guard
18 shall be provided by the county at twenty-five per
19 cent of the costs.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the for
21 the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Description:

Appropriates federal funds for COVID-19 response. Requires funding of certain programs to be paid for from the county share.

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