

S.B. NO. 1151

JAN 27 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES.

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. The impact of the "SARS-CoV-2" virus and
5 resulting "coronavirus disease 2019" (COVID-19) has been
6 devastating to global, national, and state economies.

7 The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
8 (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was enacted on March 27, 2020,
9 to address the extensive health and economic fallout of the
10 COVID-19 pandemic and provided federal funds to support the
11 State's COVID-19 relief efforts. With the expiration of federal
12 CARES Act funds, the State finds that additional funds are
13 needed to continue funding critical COVID-19 response programs
14 and activities for the remainder of fiscal year 2020-2021.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
16 funds for the purpose of COVID-19 response activities and
17 provide transparency and accountability for the use of those
18 funds.

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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$28,000,000 or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
4 statewide COVID-19 related medical surge staffing.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 health for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
10 implementation and administration of vaccine and immunization
11 plans and logistics to include: warehousing and distributing
12 vaccines and supplies; creating temporary immunization sites and
13 clinics; communicating vaccine education; and associated
14 operational costs.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 health for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. Provided that the governor is authorized to
18 transfer funds appropriated by this Act among all executive
19 agencies as may be deemed necessary; and provided further that
20 the governor is authorized to transfer funds in excess of what
21 is needed for the department of health to the governor's
22 contingency fund as deemed necessary by the governor for the
23 purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that all funds appropriated pursuant to this Act that
3 are unallotted or unencumbered shall lapse as of June 30, 2022.
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5 INTRODUCED BY: *Ann M. Williams*

6 BY REQUEST

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1 **Report Title:**

2 Emergency Appropriations Relating to COVID-19
3 Expenditures

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5 **Description:**

6 Provides emergency appropriations in fiscal year 2020-2021 to
7 the Department of Health to continue funding for various COVID-
8 19 response related programs and activities.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES.

PURPOSE: To provide emergency appropriations to the Department of Health for fiscal year 2020-2021 to continue funding for various COVID-19 response related programs and activities.

MEANS: General fund appropriations to the Department of Health.

JUSTIFICATION: The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating to global, national, and state economies. Federal funds appropriated to the State of Hawaii by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, provided funding to implement and administer various COVID-19 related response, relief, and mitigation programs and activities.

The State finds that additional funds from the general revenues of the State are needed to continue funding critical COVID-19 response programs and activities.

Funding will be used for vital public health and safety, public welfare, economic recovery, and other appropriate COVID-19 response activities.

Impact on the public: This measure will have significant direct and indirect impacts on the public. The programs and activities funded by this measure will be used for such activities as continuation of: the State's Safe Travels Hawaii Program; COVID-19 related medical surge staffing; funding for vaccination and immunization implementation and administration; personal protective

equipment; and other public services as deemed necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

The department is currently performing the activities described herein but will not be able to continue to do so without continued funding.

GENERAL FUND: Total general fund impact of this measure is \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 907, General Administration.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: All executive branch departments and agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.