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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL.

**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 article VII, section 9, of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4       SECTION 2. The State is involved in major litigation that  
5 could result in costly judgments against it if not vigorously  
6 defended. These lawsuits will require the State to retain  
7 expert witnesses and expert counsel.

8       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 to be used  
11 by the department of the attorney general in major litigation  
12 involving the State.

13       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

15       SECTION 4. The appropriation authorized under this Act  
16 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the



1 appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and  
2 unencumbered balance of the appropriation made in this Act as of  
3 the close of business on June 30, 2023, shall lapse.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Department of the Attorney General; Emergency Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to the department of the attorney general for use in major litigation involving the State. Extends the lapsing date to 6/30/2023. (HD2)

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