
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE
FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
2 pandemic has wreaked havoc on Hawaii's economy and residents for
3 the past two years. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how
4 vulnerable the State's economic and fiscal health can be to
5 external shocks beyond the State's control.

6 Fortunately, the federal government was able to provide
7 significant, direct financial assistance to the State and Hawaii
8 residents and businesses to help mitigate the economic effects
9 of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State's tourism industry and
10 economy have been recovering much more quickly than anticipated,
11 due in part to the safe travels Hawaii program, and the State is
12 now back on strong fiscal footing.

13 However, the COVID-19 pandemic is still unfolding and there
14 are signs of impending issues, including seemingly more severe
15 climate change, increasing tensions with China and Russia, and
16 growing polarization of political viewpoints in the United



1 States. The State must be prepared to weather these turbulent
2 conditions on its own because the federal government may not be
3 able to provide generous financial assistance in the future.

4 The purpose of this Act is to significantly build up the
5 State's fiscal reserves by depositing \$ into the
6 emergency and budget reserve fund for fiscal year 2021-2022.
7 This deposit will bring the emergency and budget reserve fund
8 balance to approximately 14.7 per cent of prior year general
9 fund revenues, thus providing a strong reserve for the future.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 to be
13 deposited into the emergency and budget reserve fund established
14 pursuant to section 328L-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Makes a general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2021-2022 to further capitalize the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.
Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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