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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS.

**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. Vaccinations are a critical intervention that  
5 dramatically decrease the health impacts of the coronavirus  
6 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The current COVID-19 omicron  
7 variant is significantly more transmissible than previous  
8 variants. Studies have demonstrated the tremendous importance of  
9 vaccinations in both reducing the severity of illness as well as  
10 the transmission of disease.

11       Current federal funding from the United States Federal  
12 Emergency Management Agency will expire in April 2022.  
13 Additional state funds are needed to support community  
14 vaccination efforts through 2022.

15       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
16 appropriation for fiscal year 2021-2022 to provide resources for



1 the department of health and community partners to respond  
2 effectively.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000,000 or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 for  
6 surge-response vaccination activities.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Emergency Appropriation; Department of Health

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to fund coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination activities. (SD1)

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