

# S .B. NO. 1156

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

**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. Vaccination is the primary intervention viewed  
5 as having the ability to dramatically decrease the health  
6 impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall impact of a  
7 vaccination program during a pandemic depends on how rapidly a  
8 viable vaccine becomes available; its effectiveness in  
9 preventing further disease spread; its supply; and the ability  
10 to allocate and administer it effectively and efficiently.

11           In late 2019, the US Food and Drug Administration issued  
12 emergency use authorization of vaccines for the prevention of  
13 coronavirus disease 2019. Significant logistical support is  
14 required for the department of health to manage the rapid  
15 distribution and dispensing of COVID-19 vaccines. However, the  
16 base budget of the department of health is unable to accommodate  
17 a full-scale deployment of the vaccination plan.

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1           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021 to provide funds for the  
3 department of health to implement the Hawaii COVID-19  
4 vaccination plan.

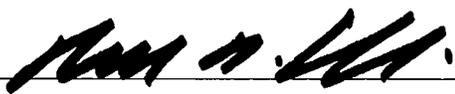
5           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
8 implementation of the State of Hawaii COVID-19 vaccination plan.

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Emergency Appropriation; Department of Health

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for supplies, personnel, equipment and related effects to implement the COVID-19 vaccination plan. Effective upon approval.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

PURPOSE: Authorize emergency appropriation to the Department of Health for fiscal year 2020-2021 for purposes of supporting COVID-19 vaccination plan.

MEANS: Emergency appropriation.

JUSTIFICATION: COVID-19 vaccine development, dubbed Operation Warp Speed, is a national priority that seeks to produce and deliver 300 million doses of safe and effective vaccines with the initial doses available by January 2021, and as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.

The Department of Health has initiated mass vaccinations pursuant to the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan. Additional unbudgeted resources are very likely to be necessary to assure vaccination goals are met.

Impact on the public: Access to potentially life-saving medication.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
N/A.

GENERAL FUND: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OTHER FUNDS: N/A.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH-131.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Defense, Department of Human Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.