
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 51, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2004 (Act 51), transferred the control of certain
3 functions of executive branch agencies that pertained to
4 education personnel and facilities to the department of
5 education to increase operational efficiency while reducing
6 bureaucracy. However, after enactment of Act 51, the department
7 of human resources development continued to provide most
8 services to the employees of the Hawaii state public library
9 system. Eight years later, Act 61 (Act 61), Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2012, clarified that the transfer of functions by Act 51
11 was not intended to include the Hawaii state public library
12 system or its employees.

13 The legislature further finds that despite the
14 clarification provided by Act 61, the aspects of workers'
15 compensation for Hawaii state public library system employees
16 continue to be within the functions of the department of
17 education, and not within the functions of the department of



1 human resources development. The legislature also finds that
2 the department of human resources development has not received
3 any additional staff or funding from the department of education
4 to address its increased responsibilities to the Hawaii state
5 public library system and its employees as a consequence of Act
6 61.

7 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 8 (1) Transfer the rights, powers, functions, duties, and
9 resources of the department of education relating to
10 workers' compensation for the Hawaii state public
11 library system and its employees to the department of
12 human resources development;
- 13 (2) Establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position
14 within the department of human resources development
15 for the management and administration of workers'
16 compensation for the Hawaii state public library
17 system and its employees; and
- 18 (3) Appropriate funds for the workers' compensation costs
19 of the Hawaii state public library system and its
20 employees.



1 SECTION 2. All rights, powers, functions, duties, and
 2 resources of the department of education relating to workers'
 3 compensation for the Hawaii state public library system and its
 4 employees are transferred to the department of human resources
 5 development effective July 1, 2024, subject to repeal by
 6 subsequent legislation.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
 10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 11 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
 12 (1.0 FTE) position within the department of human resources
 13 development for the management and administration of workers'
 14 compensation for the Hawaii state public library system and its
 15 employees.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 17 of human resources development for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
 21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2024-2025 for the workers' compensation costs of the Hawaii
2 state public library system and its employees.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of human resources development for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

DOE; DHRD; Workers' Compensation; Hawaii State Public Library System; Position; Appropriation

Description:

Transfers workers' compensation for Hawaii State Public Library System and its employees from the Department of Education to the Department of Human Resources Development. Establishes a position within the Department of Human Resources Development. Appropriates funds. (HD1)

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