

GOV. MSG. NO. 1136

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA

June 1, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 1, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1020 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. **ACT 036**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 1 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. S.D.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. As a public service, the unclaimed property
- 2 program of the department of budget and finance returns lost or
- 3 abandoned property to their rightful owners at no charge.
- 4 Claims for unclaimed property are paid from the unclaimed
- 5 property trust fund.
- 6 Pursuant to section 523A-26(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- 7 all unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of \$1,300,000
- 8 remaining on balance in the unclaimed property trust fund on
- 9 June 30 of each year lapses to the credit of the general fund.
- 10 Consequently, the beginning balance at the start of the fiscal
- 11 year for the unclaimed property trust fund is \$1,300,000.
- 12 Claims from the prior fiscal year waiting to be paid often
- 13 times exceed the \$1,300,000 opening balance delaying the payment
- 14 of such claims.
- 15 The purpose of this Act is to increase the amount of moneys
- 16 that can be carried over at June 30 of each year by the

- 1 unclaimed property trust fund from \$1,300,000 to \$3,000,000 to
- 2 permit the timely payment of claims.
- 3 SECTION 2. Section 523A-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 4 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 5 "(d) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of
- $6 \quad [\$1,300,000] \ \$3,000,000 \text{ remaining on balance in the unclaimed}$
- 7 property trust fund on June 30 of each year shall lapse to the
- 8 credit of the state general fund."
- 9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2023.

APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2023

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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HB No. 1020, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 4, 2023 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

W. L. Ille

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 4, 2023

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate