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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, as amended  
2 by section 8(1), (5), and (6) of Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii  
3 2022, is amended as follows:

4 1. By amending section 61 to read:

5 "SECTION 61. [~~Repealed.~~] Any provision of this Act to the  
6 contrary notwithstanding, the governor is authorized to transfer  
7 savings or unrequired balances as may be available from the  
8 appropriated funds of any program in this Act to supplement the  
9 appropriation for any other program in this Act to cope with the  
10 effects of natural disasters or other unforeseen emergencies;  
11 provided that the effects of such natural disasters or  
12 emergencies create an urgent need to pursue a course of action  
13 which is in the best interest of the State; provided further  
14 that the use of such funds does not conflict with general law;  
15 provided further that no funds shall be expended without a  
16 formal declaration of a natural disaster or emergency by the  
17 governor; provided further that this authority shall not extend



1 beyond July 1 of the immediately succeeding fiscal year;  
2 provided further that any funds unencumbered or unexpended as of  
3 July 1 of the immediately succeeding fiscal year shall lapse as  
4 of that date; and provided further that the governor shall  
5 notify the legislature within five days of each use of this  
6 authority and submit a report to the legislature of all uses of  
7 this authority for the previous fiscal year no later than  
8 September 1 of each year."

9 2. By amending section 72 to read:

10 "SECTION 72. [~~Repealed.~~] Unless otherwise provided in  
11 this Act, the governor is authorized to transfer operating funds  
12 between appropriations within the same fund, within an expending  
13 agency, for operating purposes; provided that the governor shall  
14 submit a report to the legislature within five days of each use  
15 of this authority; provided further that the report shall  
16 include the date of transfer, the amount of the transfer, the  
17 program ID from which funds were transferred, the program ID to  
18 which funds were transferred, the impact to the program ID funds  
19 are transferred from, and a detailed explanation of the public  
20 purposes served by the transfer of resources; and provided  
21 further that the governor shall submit to the legislature a



1 summary report containing the aforementioned information for  
2 each use of this authority for the previous twelve month period  
3 from December 1 to November 30 no later than thirty days prior  
4 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2024 and 2025."

5 3. By amending section 87 to read:

6 "SECTION 87. [~~Repealed.~~] Notwithstanding any provision in  
7 part III of this Act, the governor is authorized to transfer  
8 savings or unrequired balances as may be available of general  
9 funds from any program in this Act to supplement the department  
10 of land and natural resources' fire fighter's contingency fund;  
11 provided further that these funds shall be used to prevent,  
12 control, and extinguish wildland fires within forest reserves,  
13 public hunting areas, wildlife and plant sanctuaries, and  
14 natural area reserves, and to fulfill mutual aid agreements in  
15 cooperation with fire control agencies of the counties and  
16 federal government."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Funds; Budget Provisos; Governor's Authority

**Description:**

Reinstates Governor's authority to transfer funds to cope with the effects of natural disasters, for operating purposes, or to supplement the department of land and natural resources' fire fighter's contingency fund. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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