
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is
2 amended by adding three new sections to part VIII to read as
3 follows:

4 "SECTION 22A. Any provision of this Act to the contrary
5 notwithstanding, the governor is authorized to transfer savings
6 or unrequired balances as may be available from the appropriated
7 funds of any program in this Act to supplement the appropriation
8 for any other program in this Act to cope with the effects of
9 natural disasters or other unforeseen emergencies; provided that
10 the effects of the natural disasters or emergencies create an
11 urgent need to pursue a course of action that is in the best
12 interest of the State; provided further that the use of such
13 funds does not conflict with general law; provided further that
14 no funds shall be expended without a formal declaration of a
15 natural disaster or emergency by the governor; provided further
16 that this authority shall not extend beyond July 1 of the
17 immediately succeeding fiscal year; provided further that any



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

7 SECTION 22B. Unless otherwise provided in this Act, the
8 governor is authorized to transfer operating funds between
9 appropriations within the same fund, within an expending agency,
10 for operating purposes; provided that the governor shall submit
11 a report to the legislature within five days of each use of this
12 authority; provided further that the report shall include the
13 date of transfer, the amount of the transfer, the program ID
14 from which funds were transferred, the program ID to which funds
15 were transferred, the impact to the program ID from which funds
16 are transferred, and a detailed explanation of the public
17 purposes served by the transfer of resources; and provided
18 further that the governor shall submit to the legislature a
19 summary report containing the aforementioned information for
20 each use of this authority for the previous twelve-month period



1 from December 1 to November 30 no later than thirty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

3 SECTION 22C. Notwithstanding any provision in part III of
4 this Act, the governor is authorized to transfer savings or
5 unrequired balances as may be available of general funds from
6 any program in this Act to supplement the department of land and
7 natural resources' firefighter's contingency fund; provided that
8 these funds shall be used to prevent, control, and extinguish
9 wildland fires within forest reserves, public hunting areas,
10 wildlife and plant sanctuaries, and natural area reserves, and
11 to fulfill mutual aid agreements in cooperation with fire
12 control agencies of the counties and federal government."

13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Funds; Firefighter's Contingency Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Reinstates the 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' Firefighter's Contingency Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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