THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII **S.B. NO.** ¹³¹⁹ S.D. 1

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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 of Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is amended
3	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 [Repealed.]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	that is in the best interest of the State; provided further that
14	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



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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 [Repealed.]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 this
11	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



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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 2022 and 2023."
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 July 1, 2112.

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Report Title: Funds; Appropriations; Governor's Authority

Description:

Reinstates the Governor's authority to transfer certain 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 July 1, 2112. (SD1)

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