
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that several instances of
5 asbestos disturbance have been reported at the department of
6 health's main offices at 1250 Punchbowl street, Honolulu,
7 Hawaii, known as "Kinau Hale". Ambient air sampling by a
8 private environmental and industrial health and safety vendor
9 throughout the building found that any fibers in the air are at
10 a level below the minimum detection level. These minimum
11 detection levels are lower than the U.S. Occupational Safety and
12 Health Administration's actionable threshold of 0.1 fibers/cc,
13 as well as the more stringent industry standard for clearance
14 level of 0.01 fibers/cc.

15 Although testing confirms that the air in Kinau Hale is
16 safe, these incidents are occurring more often, and the
17 building's overall condition is poor and has been steadily



1 deteriorating. A major incident, such as heavy rains causing
2 massive roof leaks, could turn the building into a localized
3 public health emergency.

4 The legislature further finds that Kinau Hale's location on
5 a large parcel adjacent to private medical facilities would make
6 it suitable for mixed-use redevelopment including the
7 department's offices and private clinical facilities in a
8 public-private partnership.

9 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
10 appropriation to the department of health for emergency asbestos
11 remediation at Kinau Hale, temporary relocation of the main
12 offices of the department of health if necessary, and
13 preliminary planning for redevelopment of the site.

14 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
15 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
17 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
18 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
19 ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by
20 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
21 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal



1 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
2 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
3 ceiling are that:

- 4 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
5 serve the public interest; and
- 6 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
7 addressed by this Act.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for
11 emergency asbestos remediation at Kinau Hale, located at 1250
12 Punchbowl street, Honolulu, Hawaii, temporary relocation of the
13 main offices of the department of health at Kinau Hale if
14 necessary, and preliminary planning for redevelopment of the
15 site.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 health for the purposes of the Act.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
19 2050.



Report Title:

DOH; Emergency Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation for asbestos remediation to temporarily relocate Department of Health offices and begin preliminary planning for the redevelopment of the Kinau Hale site. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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