
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
2 to the university of Hawaii for a multiethnic cohort study and
3 registry on the health effects of the devastating August 2023
4 Maui wildfires. This Act is a matter of statewide concern
5 pursuant to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State
6 Constitution, as it will provide the State, local organizations,
7 and policymakers with critical information and data needed to
8 address imminent community needs, inform the long-term recovery
9 process, and support better planning for future disaster
10 preparedness.

11 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
12 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
13 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
14 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
15 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
16 to be exceeded by or per cent. The reasons for
17 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the



1 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
2 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
6 the university of Hawaii economic research organization, which
7 shall be allocated as follows:

8 (1) \$ to conduct a multiethnic cohort study on
9 the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires;
10 and

11 (2) \$ to develop and maintain of a registry of
12 those affected by the wildfires to assess their long-
13 term health and well-being and the impacts on
14 communities.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
16 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. The university of Hawaii shall seek matching,
18 or more, federal and community funding, in addition to the funds
19 appropriated by this Act, to complete the multiethnic cohort
20 study and registry pursuant to section 3 of this Act.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

UH; UHERO; Multiethnic Cohort Study; Health Effects; Maui
Wildfires; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Economic
Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study and
develop and maintain a registry regarding the health effects of
the August 2023 Maui wildfires. Declares that the general fund
expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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