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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 328L-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) The legislature may make appropriations from the fund  
4 for the following purposes:

5 (1) To maintain levels of programs determined to be  
6 essential to public health, safety, welfare, and  
7 education;

8 (2) To provide for counter cyclical economic and  
9 employment programs in periods of economic downturn;

10 (3) To restore facilities destroyed or damaged or services  
11 disrupted by disaster in any county; ~~and~~

12 (4) To provide pre-determined economic payments in an  
13 amount equal to the lesser of:

14 (A) An amount to be set by the governor; provided  
15 that the amount shall be no less than \$20,000; or



1           (B) The state minimum wage per hour, established  
2                   pursuant to section 387-2, multiplied by 1,333  
3                   hours,  
4           to certain individuals who are Hawaii residents that  
5           have an annual gross income below \$                   and who  
6           have lost their homes, jobs, food, clothing, or  
7           transportation in a disaster for which the governor  
8           has declared a state of emergency; and

9        ~~(4)~~ (5) To meet other emergencies when declared by the  
10           governor or determined to be urgent by the  
11           legislature.

12           Any act making appropriations from the emergency and budget  
13 reserve fund shall include a declaration of findings and  
14 purposes setting forth the purposes, the amounts, and the  
15 reasons why the appropriations are necessary and shall require a  
16 two-thirds majority vote of each house of the legislature."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

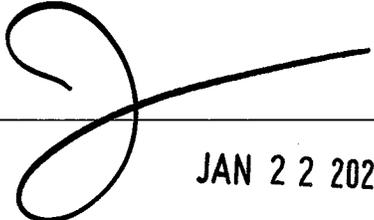
19           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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**Report Title:**

Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Economic Payments; Disaster;  
State of Emergency

**Description:**

Adds, as an allowable use of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, economic payments to certain residents who have incurred losses in a disaster for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency.

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