

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS LABORATORY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 342J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§342J- Testing laboratory; diseases; quality of air, water, soil, and biological specimens. (a) The department shall:

(1) Establish and operate a laboratory capable of:

(A) Testing for diseases;

(B) Testing for the presence of toxins in samples of air, water, soil, and biological and other specimens; and

(C) Conducting other high complexity testing; and

(2) Ensure that the laboratory complies with all

applicable standards enumerated in the Clinical

Laboratories Improvement Amendments of 1988, title 42

United States Code section 263a.



1 (b) The laboratory established pursuant to subsection (a)
2 shall receive and analyze samples submitted by any person who
3 reasonably believes that the sample contains environmental
4 toxins in violation of applicable law.

5 (c) In operating the laboratory, the department shall
6 ensure prompt and full public access to the results of analyses
7 of all submissions of testing samples submitted to the
8 laboratory. The department shall provide complete reports of
9 all submissions no later than ten days after receipt of the
10 submissions."

11 SECTION 2. The department of health may obtain and expend
12 federal funds for the construction and operation of the testing
13 laboratory established pursuant to this Act. However, if the
14 department of health is unable to obtain firm commitment from
15 the federal government for the adequate financing of the
16 laboratory within nine months of the effective date of this Act,
17 the department of health shall proceed expeditiously to
18 construct and begin initial operations of the laboratory using
19 the funds appropriated by this Act.

20 SECTION 3. The department of health shall submit a report
21 on its progress of establishing a laboratory pursuant to this



1 Act, to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the
2 convening of the regular session of 2026.

3 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2025-2026
7 for the purpose of financing the construction of an
8 environmental toxins testing laboratory.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 health for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
12 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
13 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
14 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
15 unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 536

Report Title:

DOH; Environmental Toxins Testing Laboratory; Report; CIP; GO Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to construct, establish, and operate an environmental toxins testing laboratory to test samples submitted by the public for diseases; water, air, and soil quality; and complex testing. Requires a report to the Legislature. Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds. Appropriates funds.

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