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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 207, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2024, established an immigration services and  
3 access unit within the office of community services to assist  
4 the office in achieving its mandate of serving low-income  
5 individuals, immigrants, and refugees. As the State is  
6 comprised of a significant immigrant population and families  
7 with mixed immigration statuses, providing additional support  
8 for immigrants will ensure timely access to services and minimal  
9 disruption to the lives of individuals who have pending  
10 immigration proceedings.

11       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish an  
12 immigration services trust fund to provide continued support to  
13 the office of community services for immigration-related  
14 matters.

15       SECTION 2. Chapter 371K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
17 and to read as follows:



1       "§371K-     Immigration services trust fund.   (a)   There is  
2 established the immigration services trust fund into which shall  
3 be deposited:

4       (1)   Appropriations made by the legislature;

5       (2)   Any moneys received from grants, donations, or the  
6 proceeds from contributions; and

7       (3)   The interest or return on investments earned from  
8 moneys in the trust fund.

9       (b)   The immigration services trust fund shall be  
10 administered by the department of labor and industrial relations  
11 and used for the purposes of the immigration services and access  
12 unit within the office of community services.

13       (c)   The department of labor and industrial relations shall  
14 submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days  
15 prior to the convening of each regular session to provide an  
16 accounting of the receipts and expenditures of the fund."

17       SECTION 3.   There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2026-2027 to be deposited into the immigration services  
2 trust fund.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 853

**Report Title:**

DLIR; Office of Community Services; Immigration Services Trust Fund; Established; Reports; Appropriations

**Description:**

Establishes the Immigration Services Trust Fund to support immigration-related matters within the Office of Community Services. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit annual reports to the Legislature on the accounting of expenditures of the Fund. Appropriates funds.

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