

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1249

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 25, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2921, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,  
C.D. 1

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.  
**ACT 148**

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 25 2026

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 148**  
**S.B. NO.** 2921  
S.D. 1  
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C.D. 1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that continuing shifts in  
2 federal policy are creating significant and widespread  
3 challenges in Hawaii and across the nation. These federal  
4 changes, combined with broader economic trends, are expected to  
5 affect Hawaii's fiscal stability in the near future. Reductions  
6 in federal funding and uncertainty regarding future federal  
7 grant programs require the State to be prepared to assume  
8 financial responsibility for critical programs that currently  
9 rely on federal support.

10           The legislature further finds that in periods of economic  
11 uncertainty, it is essential for the State to maintain the  
12 ability to fund important programs with moneys that are not  
13 immediately needed elsewhere. In Act 87, Session Laws of  
14 Hawaii 2021, the State proactively transferred funds to mitigate  
15 fiscal disruptions caused by the coronavirus disease 2019  
16 pandemic. A similar approach is warranted in 2026 to ensure the  
17 continuity of essential services.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to transfer  
 2 non-general fund account balances that exceed one year's  
 3 operating expenses to the general fund.

4           SECTION 2. The legislature determines that there are  
 5 amounts in excess of the requirements of the various funds  
 6 listed in this Act. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
 7 the director of finance may transfer the following amounts or so  
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 from  
 9 the following funds to the general fund:

FUND NAME		Minimum amount in excess of the requirements of the fund as determined by the legislature (\$)	Amount authorized to be transferred to the general fund by the director of finance (\$)
<b>Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity</b>			
1	ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND	13,543.00	13,543.00
2	CERTIFICATION SERVICES REVOLVING FUND	50,000.00	50,000.00
3	INDUSTRIAL HEMP SPECIAL FUND	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Department of Accounting and General Services</b>			
4	STATE ARCHIVES PRESERVATION AND LONG-TERM ACCESS SPECIAL FUND	100,000.00	100,000.00
<b>Department of the Attorney General</b>			
5	MEDICAID INVESTIGATIONS RECOVERY FUND	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6	TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND	500,000.00	500,000.00
7	INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN SPECIAL FUND	100,000.00	100,000.00
8	LITIGATION DEPOSITS TRUST ACCOUNT	74,000.00	74,000.00
<b>Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism</b>			
9	TOURISM SPECIAL FUND	328,503.00	328,503.00
<b>Department of Human Resources Development</b>			



10	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND	250,000.00	250,000.00
<b>Department of Health</b>			
11	MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIAL FUND	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00
12	TITLE XIX MED QUEST CARVEOUT/GENERAL OUTPATIENT SPECIAL FUND	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00
13	INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEDICAID WAIVER ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING SPECIAL FUND	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
14	DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD SPECIAL FUND	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
15	DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SPECIAL FUND	12,000,000.00	12,000,000.00
<b>Department of Land and Natural Resources</b>			
16	SPECIAL LAND AND DEVELOPMENT FUND	1,414,955.00	1,414,955.00
<b>Department of Taxation</b>			
17	TAX ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL FUND	23,000,000.00	23,000,000.00
18	CIGARETTE TAX STAMP ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL FUND	310,000.00	310,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>47,151,001.00</b>	<b>47,151,001.00</b>

- 1 SECTION 3. It is the intent of this Act not to:
- 2 (1) Jeopardize the receipt of any federal aid nor to
- 3 impair the obligation of the State or any of its
- 4 agencies to the holders of any bond issued by the
- 5 State or by any of its agencies;
- 6 (2) Cause the State or any of its agencies to transfer
- 7 moneys that are encumbered prior to or on the
- 8 effective date of this Act;
- 9 (3) Cause the State or any of its agencies to be unable to
- 10 meet a contractual obligation; and



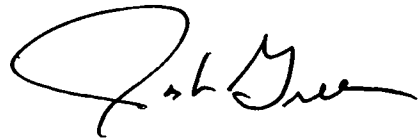
1           (4) Compel the State or any of its agencies to transfer  
2                   moneys into the general fund that are not eligible to  
3                   for transfer into the general fund,  
4 and to the extent, and only to the extent, necessary to  
5 effectuate this intent, the governor may modify the strict  
6 provisions of this Act, but shall promptly report any  
7 modification with reasons therefor to the legislature at its  
8 next session thereafter for review by the legislature.

9           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026;  
10 provided that section 2 shall take effect retroactively on  
11 June 30, 2026.



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APPROVED this 25th day of June , 2026

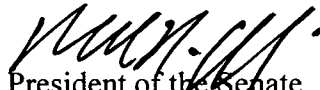
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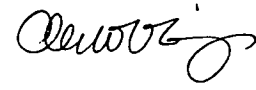
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2921, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives