

**Session Laws of Hawaii
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S.B. NO. 1736-78

A Bill for an Act Making Appropriations to Provide for the Expenses of the Legislature, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Reference Bureau, and the Ombudsman.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$1,552,093, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and non-session expenses of the Senate up to and including June 30, 1979, including but not limited to the 1978 regular session, Ninth State Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1978 and 1979 regular sessions.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$2,007,750, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and non-session expenses of the House of Representatives up to and including June 30, 1979, including but not limited to the 1978 regular session, Ninth State Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1978 and 1979 regular sessions.

SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the Senate during the interim between the 1978 and 1979 regular sessions shall be made only with the approval of the President of the Senate, and payment of expenses of the House of Representatives during the interim between the 1978 and 1979 regular sessions shall be made only with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4. Before January 17, 1979, the Senate and the House of Representatives shall have their accounts audited and a full report of such audit shall be presented to the Senate and to the House of Representatives of the Legislature convening on January 17, 1979.

SECTION 5. The expenses of any member of the Legislature while traveling abroad on official business of the Legislature shall not be limited by the

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provision of section 78-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or by any other general statute. Until otherwise prescribed by law, the expenses of such member shall be \$45 per day and authorized by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.

SECTION 6. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$1,217,180 to the office of the legislative auditor for the following expenses: (a) the sum of \$973,680, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the office of the legislative auditor during the fiscal year 1978-79, (b) the sum of \$93,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the office of the State ethics commission during the fiscal year 1978-79; (c) the sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended upon approval of this Act, for (1) performing special studies, (2) improving capabilities for planning, programming and budgeting, (3) fulfilling other special requests made of the legislative auditor by the Legislature or jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, (4) interim legislative studies and for contractual services for such studies, (5) equipment relating to computer systems programming and operations for the purpose of improving the efficiency of legislative operations including, but not limited to, bill drafting, statutory and information retrieval, status of legislative actions, and reproductions of legislative material, and (6) such other purposes as may be determined by the joint action of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$916,935, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the legislative reference bureau for defraying the expenses of the bureau during the fiscal year 1978-79.

SECTION 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$284,009, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the ombudsman for defraying the expenses of the office during the fiscal year 1978-79.

SECTION 9. As of the close of business on June 30, 1979, the unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 10. Each section of this Act is hereby declared to be severable from the remainder of this Act.

SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved February 2, 1978.)