

**Session Laws of Hawaii
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H.B. NO. 2352

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 appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,005,794, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the Senate up to and including June 30, 1999, including the 1998 regular session, Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1998 and 1999 regular sessions.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,254,882, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the House of Representatives up to and including June 30, 1999, including the 1998 regular session, Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1998 and 1999 regular sessions.

SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the Senate during the interim between the 1998 and 1999 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 1998 and 1999 sessions shall be made only with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4. Before January 20, 1999, the Senate and the House of Representatives shall each have their accounts audited and a full report of the respective audits shall be presented to the Senate and to the House of Representatives convening on January 20, 1999.

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 provisions

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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 \$130 a day as authorized by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,830,796, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the legislative auditor for the following expenses:

- (1) The sum of \$2,019,850, for defraying the expenses of the office of the legislative auditor during fiscal year 1998-1999;
- (2) The sum of \$660,946, for defraying the expenses of the office of the state ethics commission during fiscal year 1998-1999; and
- (3) The sum of \$150,000, during fiscal year 1998-1999 for:
 - (A) Performing special studies;
 - (B) Improving capabilities for planning, programming, and budgeting;
 - (C) 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;
 - (D) Legislative studies and contractual services for those studies; and
 - (E) 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 appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,229,349, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the legislative reference bureau, for defraying the expenses of the legislative reference bureau during fiscal year 1998-1999, including equipment relating to computer systems programming and operations.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$728,892, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the ombudsman for defraying the expenses of the office during fiscal year 1998-1999.

SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the legislative information system:

- (1) \$600,000 to the Senate; and
- (2) \$600,000 to the House of Representatives.

This appropriation shall be used to pay for hardware, software, consultant, installation, material, supply, and other related costs associated with the legislative information system that have been or will be incurred. This appropriation shall take effect upon the approval of this Act and shall not lapse until June 30, 1999.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to section 89C-5(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, approval is hereby given to the auditor, the director of the legislative reference bureau, and the ombudsman to adjust the salaries and other cost items for their employees in accordance with chapter 89C. Approval for such adjustments shall be effective retroactive to fiscal year 1996-1997. The auditor, the director of the legislative reference bureau, and the ombudsman may use the funds appropriated to them by this Act, together with such funds as they may be able to derive through savings from Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, for the purpose of implementing these adjustments.

SECTION 11. As of the close of business on June 30, 1999, the unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 12. Each section of this Act is declared to be severable from the remainder of this Act.

SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved February 6, 1998.)