

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation to Pay the Share of Health Insurance Carrier Refund and Rate Credit Amounts Due to the Federal Government.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, authorized the return to the state general fund of \$31,315,640, representing the State's share of health insurance carrier refunds, rate credits, and any interest accrued thereon. The federal government provides the State with funding for fringe benefit costs which include health insurance premium costs. As a result, the federal government is entitled to a portion of that refund and the United States Department of Health and Human Services is requesting that the State make immediate payment of that portion. No funds have been previously appropriated to make this payment.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,623,718 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 1999-2000 to be used for the return to the federal government of the federal share of health insurance rate credits and rebates received by the State.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of budget and finance for purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 1, 2000.)