

**Session Laws of Hawaii  
Passed By The  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session  
2007**

**ACT 1**

S.B. NO. 25

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Legislature.

*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 \$7,694,360, 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, 2008, including the 2007 regular session, twenty-fourth legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 2007 and 2008 regular sessions.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the senate.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,670,163, 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, 2008, including the 2007 regular session, twenty-fourth legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 2007 and 2008 regular sessions.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the senate during the interim between the 2007 and 2008 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 2007 and 2008 sessions shall be made only with the approval of the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 4. Before January 16, 2008, 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 16, 2008.

SECTION 5. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, the expenses of any member of the legislature while traveling abroad on official business of the legisla-

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ture 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 \$3,646,810, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the auditor for the following expenses:

- (1) The sum of \$2,692,572, for defraying the expenses of the office of the auditor during fiscal year 2007-2008;
- (2) The sum of \$804,238, for defraying the expenses of the office of the state ethics commission during fiscal year 2007-2008; and
- (3) The sum of \$150,000, during fiscal year 2007-2008 for:
  - (A) Performing special studies;
  - (B) Improving capabilities for planning, programming, and budgeting;
  - (C) Fulfilling other special requests made of the 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.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the auditor.

SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,221,820, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the auditor during fiscal year 2007-2008 to be deposited into the audit revolving fund established pursuant to section 23-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the audit revolving fund the sum of \$5,600,438, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the auditor during fiscal year 2007-2008, for the auditor to conduct or complete its audit functions as provided by law.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the auditor.

SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,223,008, 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 2007-2008, including equipment relating to computer systems programming and operations.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the legislative reference bureau.

SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$971,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the ombudsman for defraying the expenses of the office during fiscal year 2007-2008.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the ombudsman.

SECTION 11. 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) \$900,000 to the senate; and
- (2) \$900,000 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.

SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$175,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the legislative broadcast program, including the production and distribution of television broadcasts of legislative proceedings.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the legislature for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 13. Except for moneys in the audit revolving fund, as of the close of business on June 30, 2008, the unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 14. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-2007 has already been exceeded by \$90,137,694 or 1.68 per cent. The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be exceeded by an additional \$21,339,523, or an additional 0.40 per cent. The calculation contained in the foregoing sentence relates only to the amount of general funds appropriated in this Act for fiscal year 2006-2007. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

SECTION 15. Each section of this Act is declared to be severable from the remainder of this Act.

SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved February 20, 2007.)