

**A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Department of the Attorney General.**

*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.** The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii is involved in several major lawsuits that could result in costly judgments against the State if not defended vigorously. These major lawsuits will require the State to retain expert counsel, expert witnesses, and bear other litigation costs.

The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency appropriation for costs associated with major litigation involving the State.

**SECTION 3.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$700,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund contracts to retain expert counsel, expert witnesses, and other legal services.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 23, 2014.)