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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

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

4       SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the  
5 department of health for control of infectious diseases for the  
6 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006,  
7 a critical funding emergency now exists.

8       Highly pathogenic avian influenza has spread across Asia  
9 and has been detected in Eastern Europe. While primarily  
10 affecting birds at the present time, at least one hundred forty-  
11 four human cases have been reported in China, Vietnam, Thailand,  
12 Indonesia, Cambodia, and Turkey, with a mortality rate of  
13 approximately fifty per cent. Scientists are particularly  
14 concerned about the highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1)  
15 currently circulating in Asia and parts of Europe and agree that  
16 another influenza pandemic is inevitable and possibly imminent.



1           Based on historical patterns, influenza pandemics can be  
2 expected to occur, on average, three to four times each century  
3 when new virus subtypes emerge and are readily transmitted from  
4 person to person. However, the occurrence of influenza  
5 pandemics is unpredictable. In the twentieth century, the great  
6 influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 that caused an estimated forty  
7 to fifty million deaths worldwide was followed by pandemics in  
8 1957-1958 and 1968-1969.

9           An influenza pandemic has the potential to cause more death  
10 and illness than any other public health threat. If a pandemic  
11 influenza virus with similar virulence to the 1918 strain  
12 emerged today, in the absence of intervention, it is estimated  
13 that one million nine hundred thousand Americans could die and  
14 almost ten million could be hospitalized over the course of the  
15 pandemic that may evolve over a year or more. Preparedness to  
16 lessen the impact of a pandemic is imperative.

17           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate an additional  
18 \$11,000,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2005-2006 to  
19 prepare for a novel strain of influenza by acquiring  
20 medications, mass clinic supplies, laboratory supplies and  
21 equipment, personal protective equipment, and a data management  
22 system for tracking cases and contacts.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,000,000 or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005-2006 to  
4 prepare for a pandemic of a novel strain of influenza.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
6 health for the purposes of the Act.

7 SECTION 4. Any provision of this Act to the contrary  
8 notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act  
9 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the  
10 appropriation is made. Any unexpended and unencumbered balance  
11 of the appropriation made in this Act as of the close of the  
12 business on June 30, 2007, shall lapse.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to prepare for a pandemic of a novel strain of influenza. Effective date 7/1/2020. (SB2348 HD1)

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