A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AIDS RESEARCH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii AIDS clinical research program of
- the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine is a 2
- 3 world-class organization whose mission is to:
- Develop clinical research capabilities to evaluate 4 (1)
- 5 optimal therapies for HIV-1 infection and AIDS-
- associated complications; 6
- (2) Provide access to clinical research trials and studies
- for all HIV-1 patients in Hawaii; and 8
- 9 (3) Facilitate the transfer of research findings to
- clinical care that will ultimately improve the lives 10
- 11 of patients with HIV-1 infection.
- 12 The Hawaii AIDS clinical research program offers many
- 13 important services, including providing Hawaii HIV patients with
- specialized care and access to new HIV medications before these 14
- 15 medications are approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
- The program also ensures that Hawaii's unique ethnic groups are 16
- 17 represented in national multi-state HIV trials. In addition,

- 1 the Hawaii AIDS clinical research program is responsible for
- 2 obtaining over \$26,000,000 in federal and commercial funding for
- 3 the University of Hawaii over the last fifteen years.
- 4 The Hawaii AIDS clinical trials unit is part of the Hawaii
- 5 AIDS clinical research program and provides the basic
- 6 infrastructure for the program. The unit has been notified by
- 7 the National Institutes of Health that it will no longer be
- 8 funded. With the lack of infrastructure funding for the Hawaii
- 9 AIDS clinical research program, the University of Hawaii could
- 10 potentially lose \$21,000,000 in current and pending HIV-related
- 11 grant funds.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to ensure
- 13 that the basic infrastructure of the entire Hawaii AIDS clinical
- 14 research program can remain viable and productive.
- 15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
- 17 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the same sum
- 18 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009
- 19 to the University of Hawaii for the Hawaii AIDS clinical
- 20 research program.

- 1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
- 2 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

AIDS Research; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii AIDS clinical research program. (HB136 HD2)