
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. On September 21, 2009, the legislature held
2 informational briefings to gather information to determine the
3 broad range impacts of potential layoffs within the department
4 of business, economic development, and tourism office of
5 planning, particularly those in the coastal zone management
6 program and land use division. Seven positions within the
7 office of planning were scheduled to be eliminated, including
8 the manager of the coastal zone management program and three of
9 five positions in the land use division.

10 The informational briefings focused on a number of priority
11 concerns, including the loss of federal funds for mandated
12 coastal zone management program functions, adverse impacts on
13 statutorily-mandated programs, and inadequacies of state
14 representation in land use proceedings as imminent and critical.

15 The purpose of this Act is to ensure greater stability and
16 self sufficiency for the office of planning by establishing the



1 planning special fund for the operations of the office of
2 planning, including personnel costs.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 225M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§225M- Planning special fund. (a) There is
7 established in the state treasury the planning special fund,
8 into which shall be deposited:

- 9 (1) Appropriations by the legislature;
10 (2) Federal funds granted by Congress or executive order;
11 and
12 (2) Donations and contributions made by private
13 individuals or organizations for deposit into the
14 fund.

15 (b) Moneys in the fund shall be used for the operations of
16 the office of planning, including personnel costs of staff
17 positions existing on November 1, 2009; provided that the use of
18 moneys from the fund for current and future personnel costs
19 shall be limited to those employees performing specialized
20 duties necessary to meet the statutory and federal mandates of
21 programs within the office of planning."

22 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Office of Planning; Special Fund

Description:

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