

HB 573

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Comments:

I respectfully oppose this measure in the interest of the state's economy and over concern with the financial burden on citizens.
Allowing the legislature to deposit into an emergency and budget reserve fund instead of returning it to taxpayers as required in the state constitution is unjust to the hardworking citizens of Hawaii and does little to encourage legislators to act with more fiscal responsibility. Lawmakers, not citizens, are responsible for state spending which has increased the financial burden on everyone. Allowing the legislature to appropriate money to the emergency budget and reserve fund is financially irresponsible and goes against the purpose of the emergency budget and reserve fund. An emergency budget and reserve fund should be used for just that. Allowing these funds to be spent at the legislators' whim hardly encourages fiscally conservative decisions. This is an opportune time to prioritize certain programs and cut others that are simply superfluous.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.