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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. Hawaii is facing one of the most challenging  
2 economic times it has ever faced and these economic conditions  
3 have necessitated difficult decisions by the State to balance an  
4 already precarious budget. The reduction in force in state  
5 government has reduced services to the public and has also had  
6 an adverse effect on the efficiency and effectiveness of certain  
7 key operational areas. Funding reductions have also impacted  
8 the State's ability to provide services to those who are most  
9 vulnerable to setbacks during this time of economic  
10 uncertainties as well as the State's ability to fuel and sustain  
11 an economic recovery.

12           The State's options for balancing the budget have, for the  
13 most part, been exercised. This has resulted in negatively  
14 impacting the ability of state agencies to sustain the delivery  
15 of core services to the public and to other state agencies.

16           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate Hawaii hurricane  
17 relief fund moneys into the general fund to make funds available  
18 to balance the State's budget for fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_ and

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1 maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential for  
2 education, public health, and public welfare.

3 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding provisions of chapter 431P,  
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the contrary, there is appropriated  
5 out of the Hawaii hurricane relief fund the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
6 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_ to  
7 be deposited into the general fund to balance the State's budget  
8 and maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential  
9 for education, public health, and public welfare.

10 The sum appropriated under this section shall be expended  
11 by the department of budget and finance for the purpose of this  
12 section.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



BY REQUEST

JAN 24 2011

**Report Title:**

Balancing the State budget; Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds from the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund into  
the State general fund to balance the State budget.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Budget and Finance

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to make an appropriation from the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (HHRF) into the general fund to balance the state's budget in order to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

MEANS: Make an appropriation for the fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_ from the HHRF into the general fund.

JUSTIFICATION: Difficult economic times and declining tax revenues have resulted in budget cuts for all state services. The current and impending situation jeopardizes the safety net of basic human services, health, and education needs for Hawaii's residents and families.

Impact on the public: This bill appropriates funds from the HHRF into the general fund to better ensure essential education, public health, and public welfare services are maintained.

Impact on the department and other agencies: An appropriation from the HHRF into the general fund enhances the state departments' ability to continue providing essential education, public health and public welfare services to the public.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: \$

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: BUF 101.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: All state agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.