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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE  
FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. The State is emerging from one of the most  
2 challenging economic periods in its history. During the last  
3 several years, extreme measures had to be taken to keep the  
4 State solvent, including: furloughs; temporary salary  
5 reductions; reductions-in-force; forced downsizing of programs  
6 and services; purchasing and hiring freezes; and enactment of  
7 temporary revenue enhancements. In addition, the State's fiscal  
8 reserves, the emergency and budget reserve fund and the  
9 hurricane reserve trust fund, were used to prevent even greater  
10 spending reductions and revenue enhancement measures.

11           One of the clear lessons learned from this experience is  
12 the necessity of having sufficient amounts of money in the  
13 fiscal reserves to help carry the State through the worst  
14 economic conditions. Now that the economy is rebounding and  
15 more revenues are available, a concerted effort must be made to  
16 recapitalize the State's depleted fiscal reserves as  
17 expeditiously as possible.



1 While Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, temporarily  
2 diverted tobacco settlement moneys from the emergency and budget  
3 reserve fund to the general fund in fiscal years 2011-2012 and  
4 2012-2013, transfers from the tobacco settlement into the  
5 emergency and budget reserve fund will resume in fiscal year  
6 2013-2014.

7 This Act accelerates the recapitalization of fiscal  
8 reserves by transferring an additional \$ from general  
9 funds to the emergency and budget reserve fund. This will raise  
10 the projected fiscal year 2014-2015 balance of the emergency and  
11 budget reserve fund to \$ . The legislature finds that  
12 as the State continues its economic recovery, accelerated  
13 recapitalization of this fiscal reserve fund is prudent and  
14 fiscally sound.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate general funds to  
16 the emergency and budget reserve fund.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 and the  
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be  
21 deposited into the emergency and budget reserve fund established  
22 in section 328L-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

**Description:**

Makes a general fund appropriation of \$                      for fiscal year  
2014-2015 to recapitalize the emergency and budget reserve fund.  
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