
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST 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. One of the clear
3 lessons learned from this experience is the necessity of having
4 sufficient fiscal reserves to help carry the State through the
5 worst conditions. Now that the economy is rebounding and more
6 revenues are available, a concerted effort must be made to
7 recapitalize the State's depleted fiscal reserves as
8 expeditiously as possible.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate general funds to
10 the hurricane reserve trust fund. As the State continues its
11 economic recovery, accelerated recapitalization of this fiscal
12 reserve trust fund is prudent and fiscally sound.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000,000 or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
16 the purpose of recapitalizing the hurricane reserve trust fund
17 established in section 431P-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
4 on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Makes a general fund appropriation of \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015 to recapitalize the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Governor

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST FUND.

PURPOSE: Appropriates funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 to recapitalize the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund.

MEANS: Appropriate general funds.

JUSTIFICATION: The State is emerging from one of the most challenging economic periods in its history. One of the clear lessons learned from this experience is the necessity of having sufficient fiscal reserves to help carry the State through the worst conditions. Now that the economy is rebounding and more revenues are available, a concerted effort must be made to recapitalize the State's depleted fiscal reserves as expeditiously as possible.

The general fund appropriation included in this measure has been made in accordance with the statutorily defined appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch pursuant to section 37-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. With a decrease of general fund appropriations of -\$53,151,500 for fiscal year 2013-2014 and an increase of general fund appropriations of \$470,361,342 for fiscal year 2014-2015 proposed in the Executive Supplemental Budget, the appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch will be exceeded by \$304,982,041 or 4.7 per cent in fiscal year 2014-2015. Funding requested in this measure to recapitalize the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund will result in the appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch to now be exceeded in fiscal year 2014-2015 by an additional \$50 million or 0.77 per cent. This current declaration takes into account

additional general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the Executive Supplemental Budget and this measure only, and does not include other general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2014-2015 that may be authorized for the Executive Branch in other legislation submitted to the Legislature during the regular session of 2014.

Impact on the public: Further recapitalization of the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund will increase the State's fiscal reserves for times of unforeseen economic downturns and natural disasters.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The general fund appropriation will be made to the department that administers the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund (Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs).

GENERAL FUND: \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-2015.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: CCA 106.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014.