



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1120**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

May 18, 2017

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 18, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

SB969 HD2

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT  
**ACT 020 (17)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4           SECTION 2. Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015,  
5 appropriated \$6,735,183 in general funds for fiscal year 2016-  
6 2017 to the department of human resources development for the  
7 payment of claims against the State, as required by Hawaii  
8 workers' compensation law, chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes.  
9 Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, appropriated an additional  
10 \$666,000 in general funds to the department of human resources  
11 development for fiscal year 2016-2017.

12           At this time, however, fiscal year 2016-2017 workers'  
13 compensation expenses – led primarily by costs for medical care,  
14 services, and supplies, and permanent disability indemnity  
15 benefits – are outpacing the appropriated funds such that it is  
16 estimated that the funds to pay claims will be exhausted by



1 April 30, 2017. Therefore, a critical funding crisis exists and  
2 the department of human resources development will not be able  
3 to meet its legal obligation to pay the workers' compensation  
4 benefits that are owed to employees who sustain work-related  
5 injuries and illnesses for the remainder of fiscal year 2016-  
6 2017.

7 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
8 appropriation to provide additional funds for the department of  
9 human resources development to pay claims as required under  
10 chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,400,000 or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
14 department of human resources development to pay claims as  
15 required under chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
17 human resources development for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 18 day of MAY, 2017




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: April 28, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 969, HD 2

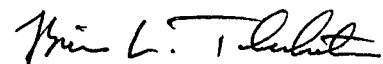
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 11, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives