
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 for the department of human resources development to pay
7 claims against the State, as required by Hawaii's workers'
8 compensation law. Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016,
9 appropriated an additional \$666,000 in general funds to the
10 department of human resources development for fiscal year 2016-
11 2017.

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



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

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 against the State, as
10 required by Hawaii's workers' compensation law.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 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 against
15 the State, as required by Hawaii's workers' compensation law.

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 on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Department of Human Resources
Development; Workers' Compensation

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the
Department of Human Resources Development to pay claims required
by Hawaii's Workers' Compensation Law. (HB1103 HD1)

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