
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the counties with
2 the State continue to comply with the United States
3 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines for discharge
4 of treated wastewater to public waterways, nutrients such as
5 nitrogen and phosphorous compounds are of particular concern.
6 Recent court rulings banning disposal of treated municipal
7 wastewater into injection wells within Maui county stress the
8 importance of reducing nutrients in effluents discharged into
9 rivers, coastal waters, and streams. Studies dating back to
10 1983, such as the United States EPA "Ecological Impacts of
11 Sewage Discharge on Coral Reef Communities", document the ill
12 effects of phosphates and nitrogen contained in treated
13 wastewater effluents on reefs and corals. Cited in this
14 document are damaging effects to Kaneohe bay outfall where coral
15 reef ecologies suffered from discharge of treated sewage
16 effluent containing nitrogen and phosphorus. Current treatment
17 facilities and those yet to be upgraded in the coming decades



1 must incorporate treatment methodologies that reduce nutrients
2 as required by EPA guidelines.

3 The purpose of this measure is to protect the State's
4 ocean, reef, and coral ecologies as well as the health of the
5 general public by appropriating funds for:

6 (1) The department of health's environmental management
7 program (HTH840); and

8 (2) The establishment of fourteen full-time equivalent
9 sanitarian permanent positions for improved food
10 safety.

11 SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may
12 be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and programs designated
13 herein, are hereby appropriated or authorized, as the case may
14 be, from the means of financing specified to the department of
15 health for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and
16 ending June 30, 2021. The total expenditures and the number of
17 positions in each fiscal year of the biennium shall not exceed
18 the sums and the position ceilings indicated for each fiscal
19 year, except as provided elsewhere in this Act or as provided by
20 general law.



PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021	M O F
1		EEP - ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION					
2		1. HTH840 - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT					
3				8.0*		11.0*	
4		OPERATING	HTH	171,534A		375,764A	
5			HTH	200,000W		200,000W	
6			HTH	3,905,930N		(4,536,030)N	
7			HTH	3,138,163P		(449,739)P	
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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the sanitation and
2 environmental health special fund the sum of \$869,444 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
4 \$1,588,349 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2020-2021 to add fourteen full-time equivalent (14.0 FTE)
6 permanent sanitarian positions and funds for improved food
7 safety (HTH610/FQ).

8 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated in sections 2 and 3 shall
9 be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this
10 Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Budget; DOH; Operating Expenses; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for operating expenses for the Department of Health (HTH840). Appropriates funds for the hiring of new sanitarian positions for food safety inspections (HTH610/FQ). (SB235 HD1)

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