
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.

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. The legislature finds that the virus known as
5 "SARS-CoV-2" causes a disease named "coronavirus disease 2019"
6 (COVID-19), that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei
7 Province, China, in January 2020. There is now an international
8 outbreak of this respiratory disease. COVID-19 has now been
9 detected in many locations internationally, including in the
10 United States. In February 2020, the department of health was
11 notified of a Japanese national who developed severe symptoms,
12 sought medical care, and was tested and diagnosed with COVID-19
13 upon returning home to Japan after a trip to Hawaii that
14 involved travel to both Maui and Oahu.

15 On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations
16 Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared
17 the outbreak a "public health emergency of international



1 concern." On January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human
2 Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health
3 emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare
4 community in responding to COVID-19.

5 Due to the fast-moving and unpredictable spread of
6 COVID-19, as well as general public concern, the legislature
7 finds it timely and appropriate to allocate resources to the
8 department of health in support of activities to detect,
9 contain, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19, including:

- 10 (1) Syndromic surveillance to monitor potential COVID-19
11 encounters and supplement traditional case-finding
12 activities;
- 13 (2) Enhanced communication strategies that provide
14 general, high-risk, and vulnerable populations with
15 actionable information for self-protection, including
16 identification of symptoms and clear guidance for
17 seeking treatment;
- 18 (3) Intensive source control in the event that local
19 epicenters in Hawaii are identified, including
20 isolation of patients and persons testing positive for
21 COVID-19, contact tracing and health monitoring,



1 strict health facility infection prevention and
2 control, and use of other active public health control
3 interventions with continued active surveillance;
4 (4) Preparation for health system resilience in the State
5 similar to that performed at the time of seasonal
6 influenza, including anticipation of severe infections
7 and course of disease in older individuals and any
8 other population identified to be at risk of
9 infection;
10 (5) Mitigation activities in the event that widespread
11 community transmission is established and contact
12 tracing becomes ineffective, overwhelming, or an
13 inefficient use of resources, including: cancellation
14 of public gatherings; school closures; remote working;
15 home isolation; observation of symptomatic individuals
16 via telephonic or online health consultation; or
17 provision of essential life support measures such as
18 oxygen supplies, mechanical ventilators, and
19 extracorporeal membrane oxygenation equipment; and



1 (6) Transportation, storage, distribution, and
2 administration of vaccines and other treatments for
3 populations at risk of COVID-19 infection.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an
5 emergency appropriation to the department of health for the
6 purposes of COVID-19 response measures in the State.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,000,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be used
10 for coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, response; provided
11 that the funds appropriated shall be allocated as follows:

12 (1) \$800,000 for contracted services to provide multi-
13 media public education and awareness campaigns;

14 (2) \$200,000 for quarantine and self-monitoring, including
15 quarantine and self-monitoring of persons:

16 (A) Who are not residents of the State or who are
17 homeless;

18 (B) Who are not included in the federal quarantine
19 mandate; or

20 (C) With confirmed diagnoses of COVID-19 who are
21 hospitalized and discharged prior to the



- 1 conclusion of a fourteen-day quarantine period
2 but who require options for self-monitoring;
- 3 (3) \$1,300,000 for laboratory testing, equipment, and
4 supplies, including four additional full-time
5 equivalent (4.0 FTE) department of health staff
6 positions;
- 7 (4) \$2,500,000 for disease outbreak surveillance and
8 response, including:
- 9 (A) Personal protective equipment for disease
10 investigators;
- 11 (B) Specimen collection kits;
- 12 (C) Additional computers, telecommunications, and
13 mobile internet connectivity;
- 14 (D) Office supplies for forms relating to health care
15 provider reporting and consent;
- 16 (E) Activities, equipment, and supplies related to
17 the administration of vaccines; and
- 18 (F) Overtime and contract labor for disease
19 investigation, logistics management, data-entry,
20 and other related activities;



- 1 (5) \$ for other personnel expenses related to
- 2 COVID-19 response, including overtime, travel, and
- 3 supplies;
- 4 (6) \$200,000 for command supplies and equipment, including
- 5 the deployment of hand sanitizer stations at critical
- 6 state facilities and other public areas;
- 7 (7) \$200,000 for the Kauai district health office for
- 8 county of Kauai-specific response;
- 9 (8) \$500,000 allocated to the Hawaii district health
- 10 office for county of Hawaii-specific response; and
- 11 (9) \$300,000 allocated to the Maui district health office
- 12 for county of Maui-specific response.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 health for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. All procurements associated with any funds
16 appropriated pursuant to section 3 of this Act shall be exempt
17 from chapters 103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for coronavirus disease
19 2019, or COVID-19, response authorized by this Act shall not
20 lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the
21 appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the



1 appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as
2 of that date.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

DOH; Coronavirus Disease 2019; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, or COVID-19, outbreak. (SD1)

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