
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 article VII, section 9 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 Further, COVID-19 may adversely impact the State's economy,
6 as negative economic impacts have been suffered in locations
7 that have experienced high incidence of persons having confirmed
8 COVID-19 infections. Tourist, business, and other visitors have
9 been reluctant to visit any locations with high incidence of
10 COVID-19 infections, especially as they may be prevented from
11 leaving a location due to quarantine orders related to the
12 disease. A recent report by the university of Hawaii economic
13 research organization indicates that if COVID-19 has a
14 "prolonged or deeper" impact on Hawaii, the State's economy
15 could be negatively impacted.

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



- 1 (1) Syndromic surveillance to monitor potential COVID-19
2 encounters and supplement traditional case-finding
3 activities;
- 4 (2) Enhanced communication strategies that provide
5 general, high-risk, and vulnerable populations with
6 actionable information for self-protection, including
7 identification of symptoms and clear guidance for
8 seeking treatment;
- 9 (3) Intensive source control in the event that local
10 epicenters in Hawaii are identified, including
11 isolation of patients and persons testing positive for
12 COVID-19, contact tracing and health monitoring,
13 strict health facility infection prevention and
14 control, and use of other active public health control
15 interventions with continued active surveillance;
- 16 (4) Preparation for health system resilience in the State
17 similar to that performed at the time of seasonal
18 influenza, including anticipation of severe infections
19 and course of disease in older individuals and any
20 other population identified to be at risk of
21 infection;



- 1 (5) Mitigation activities in the event that widespread
2 community transmission is established and contact
3 tracing becomes ineffective, overwhelming, or an
4 inefficient use of resources, including: cancellation
5 of public gatherings; school closures; remote working;
6 home isolation; observation of symptomatic individuals
7 via telephonic or online health consultation; or
8 provision of essential life support measures such as
9 oxygen supplies, mechanical ventilators, and
10 extracorporeal membrane oxygenation equipment; and
11 (6) Transportation, storage, distribution, and
12 administration of vaccines and other treatments for
13 populations at risk of COVID-19 infection.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an
15 emergency appropriation to the department of health, department
16 of transportation, and department of defense for the purposes of
17 COVID-19 response measures in the State.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,600,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be used



1 for coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, response; provided
2 that the funds appropriated shall be allocated as follows:

- 3 (1) \$800,000 for contracted services to provide multi-
4 media public education and awareness campaigns;
- 5 (2) \$200,000 for quarantine and self-monitoring, including
6 quarantine and self-monitoring of persons:
 - 7 (A) Who are not residents of the State or who are
8 homeless;
 - 9 (B) Who are not included in the federal quarantine
10 mandate; or
 - 11 (C) With confirmed diagnoses of COVID-19 who are
12 hospitalized and discharged prior to the
13 conclusion of a fourteen-day quarantine period
14 but who require options for self-monitoring;
- 15 (3) \$1,300,000 for laboratory testing, equipment,
16 supplies, and the hiring of contract personnel;
- 17 (4) \$2,500,000 for disease outbreak surveillance and
18 response, including:
 - 19 (A) Personal protective equipment for disease
20 investigators;
 - 21 (B) Specimen collection kits;



- 1 (C) Additional computers, telecommunications, and
- 2 mobile internet connectivity;
- 3 (D) Office supplies for forms relating to health care
- 4 provider reporting and consent;
- 5 (E) Activities, equipment, and supplies related to
- 6 the administration of vaccines; and
- 7 (F) Overtime and contract labor for disease
- 8 investigation, logistics management, data-entry,
- 9 and other related activities;
- 10 (5) \$ for other personnel expenses related to
- 11 COVID-19 response, including overtime, travel, and
- 12 supplies;
- 13 (6) \$200,000 for command supplies and equipment, including
- 14 the deployment of hand sanitizer stations at critical
- 15 state facilities and other public areas;
- 16 (7) \$200,000 for the Kauai district health office for
- 17 county of Kauai-specific response;
- 18 (8) \$500,000 for the Hawaii district health office for
- 19 county of Hawaii-specific response;
- 20 (9) \$300,000 for the Maui district health office for
- 21 county of Maui-specific response; and



1 (10) \$600,000 for sanitation items.

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

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,788,750 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be used
7 for coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, response; provided
8 that this appropriation may be used to obtain any resources
9 necessary to protect the health and safety of Hawaii's
10 population and economy from any threats entering through the
11 State's airports and harbors, including installation of
12 sanitation teams, additional staff and training to conduct
13 appropriate screening, advanced medical care services, acute
14 quarantine facilities, and for Kona in the County of Hawaii, a
15 basic life support ambulance and associated equipment.

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

18 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,180,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be used
21 for coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, response; provided



1 that this appropriation may be used for emergency management and
2 response, including certain operating expenses and the purchase
3 of certain equipment, supplies, and services.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 defense for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 6. All procurements associated with any funds
7 appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be exempt from chapters
8 103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 SECTION 7. With the approval of the governor, the
10 expending agencies of the appropriations authorized by sections
11 3, 4, and 5 of this Act for coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-
12 19, response may transfer, as necessary, any funds to another
13 department or agency of the State for the purposes of
14 coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, response; provided that
15 the governor shall submit to the legislature a summary report of
16 all uses of this authority within thirty days of any transfer.

17 SECTION 8. The appropriations authorized by this Act shall
18 not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the
19 appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the
20 appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as
21 of that date.



1 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Defense for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, or COVID-19, outbreak. Authorizes the Governor to approve transfer of these appropriated funds between agencies of the State, as necessary. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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