
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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. Vaccination is the primary intervention viewed
5 as having the ability to dramatically decrease the health
6 impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The
7 overall impact of a vaccination program during a pandemic
8 depends on how rapidly a viable vaccine becomes available, its
9 effectiveness in preventing further disease spread, its supply,
10 and the ability to allocate and administer it effectively and
11 efficiently.

12 In late 2019, the United States Food and Drug
13 Administration issued emergency use authorization of vaccines
14 for the prevention of COVID-19. Significant logistical support
15 is required for the department of health to manage the rapid
16 distribution and dispensing of COVID-19 vaccines. However, the



1 base budget of the department of health is unable to accommodate
2 a full-scale deployment of the vaccination plan.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021 to provide funds for the
5 department of health to implement the Hawaii COVID-19
6 vaccination plan.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
10 implementation of the State of Hawaii COVID-19 vaccination plan.

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Department of Health

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for supplies, personnel, equipment and related effects to implement the COVID-19 vaccination plan. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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