A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY.

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 social and economic
- 5 impact of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- 6 virus on the State of Hawaii has been devastating. For the
- 7 health and safety of the general public, in order to slow the
- 8 spread of COVID-19, in March 2020, all public gathering places,
- 9 were closed to the public. This necessary closure of public
- 10 gathering places included sporting and entertainment events at
- 11 the aloha stadium as well as its iconic aloha stadium swap meet
- 12 and marketplace. As a result of the public gathering shutdown,
- 13 aloha stadium could no longer generate revenue and is projecting
- 14 to exhaust its cash balance before the end of June 30, 2021.
- 15 The legislature also finds that to continue to minimally
- 16 maintain the operational use of the aloha stadium, it is

- 1 imperative that the stadium receive a general fund cash
- 2 appropriation or infusion of \$1,500,000 to complete fiscal year
- 3 2020-2021 and to provide sufficient cash to begin the next
- 4 fiscal year. In anticipation of a cash shortfall, the stadium
- 5 immediately furloughed its hourly workers then followed with
- 6 adjusting its maintenance and other event-related contracts,
- 7 where reasonably and prudently possible.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to provide an emergency
- 9 appropriation of general funds to allow the aloha stadium to
- 10 continue to operate and maintain the facility in a safe
- 11 condition for the general public.
- 12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$1,500,000 or so
- 14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be
- 15 deposited into the stadium special fund created pursuant to
- 16 section 109-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for payroll and other
- 17 current expenses, to address payroll and other current operating
- 18 and maintenance expenses necessary to maintain the facility in a
- 19 safe condition for the general public.
- The sum appropriated shall be expended by the stadium
- 21 authority for the purposes of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Stadium Authority

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Stadium Authority for payroll, various repair and maintenance costs, contracts for services, and operating equipment. Effective upon approval. (SD1)

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