



GOV. MSG. NO. 1103

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

✓ The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on March 28, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1514 HD1 SD1

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR  
THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE  
BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS  
COMMISSION.

**ACT 003**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE  
LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU,  
THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of  
2 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
4 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2022-2023 has  
5 already been exceeded by \$839,710,089 or 8.14 per cent. The  
6 appropriations contained in sections 2, 3, and 13 of this Act  
7 will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal  
8 year 2022-2023 to be exceeded by \$27,567,902 or 0.27 per cent.  
9 This current declaration takes into account additional general  
10 fund appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2022-2023 in this  
11 Act only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund  
12 expenditure ceiling are that:

- 13 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to  
14 serve the public interest; and
- 15 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs  
16 addressed by this Act.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,300,631 or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary to the senate for the following  
4 expenses:

5 (1) The sum of \$10,038,131 for defraying any and all  
6 session and nonsession expenses of the senate up to  
7 and including June 30, 2024, including the 2023  
8 regular session, thirty-second legislature of the  
9 State of Hawaii and pre-session expenses and the  
10 expenses of any committee or committees established  
11 during the interim between the 2023 and 2024 regular  
12 sessions;

13 (2) The sum of \$1,150,000 for defraying the expenses of  
14 the legislative information system for cost items such  
15 as hardware, software, consultants, installation,  
16 materials, supplies, and other related costs  
17 associated with the legislative information system  
18 that have been or will be incurred; and

19 (3) The sum of \$112,500 for defraying the cost of the  
20 legislative broadcasting program to pay for the  
21 production and distribution of broadcasts of



1 legislative proceedings, including but not limited to  
2 television broadcast, live streaming, and internet  
3 platforms for public access.

4 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by  
5 the senate.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,532,243 or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary to the house of representatives  
9 for the following expenses:

10 (1) The sum of \$14,481,319 for defraying any and all  
11 session and nonsession expenses of the house of  
12 representatives up to and including June 30, 2024,  
13 including the 2023 regular session, thirty-second  
14 legislature of the State of Hawaii and pre-session  
15 expenses and the expense of any committee or  
16 committees established during the interim between the  
17 2023 and 2024 regular sessions;

18 (2) The sum of \$938,424 for defraying the expenses of the  
19 legislative information system for cost items such as  
20 hardware, software, consultants, installation,  
21 materials, supplies, and other related costs



1 associated with the legislative information system  
2 that have been or will be incurred; and

3 (3) The sum of \$112,500 for defraying the cost of the  
4 legislative broadcasting program to pay for the  
5 production and distribution of broadcasts of  
6 legislative proceedings, including but not limited to  
7 television broadcast, live streaming, and internet  
8 platforms for public access.

9 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by  
10 the house of representatives.

11 SECTION 4. Payment of expenses of the senate during the  
12 interim between the 2023 and 2024 regular sessions shall be made  
13 only with the approval of the president of the senate, and  
14 payment of expenses of the house of representatives during the  
15 interim between the 2023 and 2024 regular sessions shall be made  
16 only with the approval of the speaker of the house of  
17 representatives.

18 SECTION 5. Before January 17, 2024, the senate and the  
19 house of representatives shall each have their accounts audited,  
20 and a full report of the respective audits shall be presented to



1 the senate and house of representatives convening on January 17,  
2 2024.

3 SECTION 6. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, the  
4 expenses of any member of the legislature while traveling abroad  
5 on official business of the legislature shall be \$145 a day as  
6 authorized by the president of the senate and speaker of the  
7 house of representatives.

8 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,474,364 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor for the  
11 following expenses:

12 (1) The sum of \$3,324,364 for defraying the expenses of  
13 the office of the auditor during fiscal year  
14 2023-2024; and

15 (2) The sum of \$150,000 during fiscal year 2023-2024 for:

16 (A) Performing special studies;

17 (B) Improving capabilities for planning, programming,  
18 and budgeting;

19 (C) Fulfilling other special requests made of the  
20 auditor by the legislature or jointly by the



1                    president of the senate and the speaker of the  
2                    house of representatives;

3                    (D) Legislative studies and contractual services for  
4                    those studies; and

5                    (E) Such other purposes as may be determined by the  
6                    joint action of the president of the senate and  
7                    the speaker of the house of representatives.

8                    The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by  
9                    the auditor.

10                   SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,800,000 or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the auditor during  
13 fiscal year 2023-2024 to be deposited into the audit revolving  
14 fund established pursuant to section 23-3.6, Hawaii Revised  
15 Statutes.

16                   SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the audit  
17 revolving fund the sum of \$6,300,000 or so much thereof as may  
18 be necessary to the office of the auditor during fiscal year  
19 2023-2024 for the office to conduct or complete its audit  
20 functions as provided by law.

21                   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the auditor.



1 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,950,647 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary to the legislative reference bureau  
4 for defraying the expenses of the legislative reference bureau  
5 during fiscal year 2023-2024, including equipment relating to  
6 computer systems programming and operations.

7 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by  
8 the legislative reference bureau.

9 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,527,642 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the ombudsman for  
12 defraying the expenses of the office during fiscal year  
13 2023-2024.

14 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by  
15 the ombudsman.

16 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,541,514 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the state ethics  
19 commission for defraying the expenses of the office during  
20 fiscal year 2023-2024.





1 The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by  
2 the state ethics commission.

3 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the following sums or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary to be expended for the purpose of  
6 accrued vacation payments and vacation transfer payments for any  
7 employee leaving the employ of the senate, house of  
8 representatives, office of the auditor, legislative reference  
9 bureau, office of the ombudsman, and state ethics commission:

10	<u>Expending Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11	Senate	\$245,000
12	House of Representatives	\$294,524
13	Office of the Auditor	\$68,106
14	Legislative Reference Bureau	\$26,810
15	Office of the Ombudsman	\$84,035
16	State Ethics Commission	\$16,553

17 provided that the appropriate expending agency shall first make  
18 payments from the vacation payout allocation before expending  
19 funds from turnover and vacancy amounts; and provided further  
20 that any unexpended funds shall lapse to the general fund on  
21 June 30, 2024.

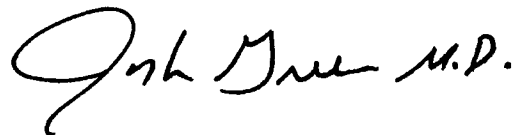


1 SECTION 14. As of the close of business on June 30, 2024,  
2 the unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made  
3 by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.

4 SECTION 15. Each section of this Act is declared to be  
5 severable from the remainder of this Act.

6 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 28th day of March , 2023



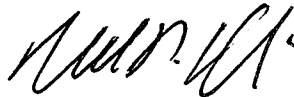
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: March 9, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2023.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

HB No. 1514, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 13, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives