
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
3 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
4 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

5 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the federal funding
6 received under the American Rescue Plan Act required states
7 receiving elementary and secondary school emergency relief
8 (ESSER) program III funds to meet certain maintenance of effort
9 requirements by maintaining state support for elementary and
10 secondary education in fiscal year 2022-2023 at least at the
11 proportional level of the State's support for elementary and
12 secondary education relative to the State's overall spending,
13 averaged over fiscal years 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
14 If the State fails to meet these maintenance of efforts
15 requirements, the United States Department of Education has the
16 authority to impose a range of enforcement options, including



1 seeking recovery of the approximately \$412,300,000 in ESSER
2 program III funds awarded to the state department of education.

3 As the State of Hawaii's economy has improved and general
4 fund revenues have rebounded, the maintenance of effort
5 obligation has become increasingly difficult to manage, in part
6 due to certain large general fund appropriations made in fiscal
7 year 2021-2022 and fiscal year 2022-2023 for non-educational
8 purposes. These appropriations were made for worthy purposes
9 but have the impact of increasing the denominator for
10 maintenance of effort calculations if expended in fiscal year
11 2022-2023. However, these worthy purposes would not be
12 adversely affected by statutory adjustments to modestly delay
13 expenditures beyond fiscal year 2022-2023 so the expenditures no
14 longer impact the maintenance of effort calculations.

15 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the potential for
16 federal maintenance of effort enforcement actions against the
17 State by delaying the encumbrance and expenditure of various
18 large general fund appropriations made in the 2022 legislative
19 session until or beyond July 1, 2023, so they are no longer part
20 of the fiscal year 2022-2023 maintenance of effort calculation.



1 PART II

2 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that Act 220, Session
3 Laws of Hawaii 2022, transferred the stadium authority from the
4 department of accounting and general services to the department
5 of business, economic development, and tourism for
6 administrative purposes. Section 14 of Act 220 also transferred
7 appropriations made for the stadium authority to the department
8 of business, economic development, and tourism.

9 The legislature further finds that a modest delay in
10 encumbrance and expenditure of the lump sum general fund
11 appropriation in fiscal year 2023 for deposit into the stadium
12 development special fund made in Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii
13 2021, as amended by Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, would
14 not have an adverse effect.

15 The purpose of this part is to delay the encumbrance and
16 expenditure of the fiscal year 2023 appropriation for deposit
17 into the stadium development special fund made in the 2022
18 legislative session to beyond July 1, 2023, so that it is no
19 longer part of the fiscal year 2023 maintenance of effort
20 calculation.



1 SECTION 4. Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, as amended
2 by paragraph 20 of section 4 of Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii
3 2022, is amended by amending section 17.3 to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 17.3. Provided that out of the general fund
5 appropriation for [~~spectator events and shows~~ Aloha Stadium
6 ~~(AGS889),~~] stadium authority (BED180), the sum of [~~\$49,500,000~~]
7 \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2022-2023 shall be deposited into the stadium development
9 special fund, to be expended for stadium costs for operations,
10 maintenance, and contract costs to developers of the stadium[~~;~~];
11 provided that any unexpended or unencumbered balances from the
12 appropriation shall lapse to the general fund on June 30, 2024;
13 provided further that funds shall not be expended nor deposited
14 into the stadium development special fund before July 1, 2023."

15 PART III

16 SECTION 5. Act 115, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
17 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

18 "SECTION 4. In accordance with article VII, section 6, of
19 the Hawaii State Constitution, there is appropriated out of the
20 general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of
21 [~~\$300,000,000~~] \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be



1 necessary for fiscal year [~~2022-2023~~] 2023-2024 for deposit into
2 the pension accumulation fund established under section 88-114,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes."

4 PART IV

5 SECTION 6. Act 236, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
6 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

7 "SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [~~\$300,000,000~~]
9 \$_____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2022-2023 to be deposited into the rental housing revolving
11 fund established in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised
12 Statutes[-]; provided that any unexpended or unencumbered
13 balances from the appropriation shall lapse to the general fund
14 on June 30, 2024; provided further that funds shall not be
15 expended nor deposited into the rental housing revolving fund
16 before July 1, 2023."

17 PART V

18 SECTION 7. Act 296, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
19 amended by amending section 6 to read as follows:

20 "SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [~~\$25,000,000~~]



1 \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year [~~2022-2023~~] 2023-2024 to be deposited into the Hawaii
3 retirement savings special fund.

4 There is appropriated out of the Hawaii retirement savings
5 special fund the sum of [~~\$25,000,000~~] \$ _____ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year [~~2022-2023~~] 2023-
7 2024 for the State to make matching contributions of up to \$500
8 to the accounts of the first 50,000 covered employees who
9 participate in the Hawaii retirement savings program for twelve
10 consecutive months after initial enrollment."

11 PART VI

12 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2024-2025 to establish:

- 17 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) temporary federal
18 funds advisor position; and
- 19 (2) Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) temporary senior
20 special assistant positions to serve as federal fund



1 liaisons and state-federal affairs representatives in
2 Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
4 the governor for the purposes of this Act.

5 PART VII

6 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

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Description:

Amends various general fund appropriations to help the State meet its American Rescue Plan Act maintenance of effort obligations. Appropriates moneys to establish 1.0 FTE temporary federal funds advisor position and 2.0 FTE temporary senior special assistant positions. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

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