
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. As a public service, the unclaimed property
2 program of the department of budget and finance returns lost or
3 abandoned property to their rightful owners at no charge.

4 Claims for unclaimed property are paid from the unclaimed
5 property trust fund.

6 Pursuant to section 523A-26(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7 all unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of \$1,300,000
8 remaining on balance in the unclaimed property trust fund on
9 June 30 of each year lapses to the credit of the general fund.
10 Consequently, the beginning balance at the start of the fiscal
11 year for the unclaimed property trust fund is \$1,300,000.

12 Claims from the prior fiscal year waiting to be paid often
13 times exceed the \$1,300,000 opening balance delaying the payment
14 of such claims.

15 The purpose of this Act is to increase the amount of moneys
16 that can be carried over at June 30 of each year by the
17 unclaimed property trust fund from \$1,300,000 to \$2,500,000
18 to permit the timely payment of claims.

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1 SECTION 2. Section 523A-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of
4 [~~\$1,300,000~~] \$2,500,000 remaining on balance in the unclaimed
5 property trust fund on June 30 of each year shall lapse to the
6 credit of the state general fund."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
10 on June 29, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Department of Budget and Finance; Unclaimed Property Program

Description:

Increases the amount of moneys that can be carried over at June 30 of each fiscal year by the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund from \$1,300,000 to \$2,500,000.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Budget and Finance

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To increase the amount of moneys that can be carried over at June 30 of each fiscal year by the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund (Trust Fund) from \$1,300,000 to \$2,500,000.

MEANS: Amend section 523A-26(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: As a public service, the Unclaimed Property Program of the Department of Budget and Finance (Department) returns lost or abandoned property to their rightful owners at no charge.

Claims for unclaimed property are paid from the Trust Fund.

Pursuant to section 523A-26(d), HRS, all unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of \$1,300,000 remaining on balance in the Trust Fund on June 30 of each year lapses to the credit of the general fund. Consequently, the beginning balance at the start of the fiscal year for the Trust Fund is \$1,300,000.

Claims from the prior fiscal year waiting to be paid often times exceed the \$1,300,000 opening balance delaying the payment of such claims. This bill will permit the timely payment of such claims at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Impact on the public: This bill will permit the timely payment of unclaimed property claims at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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Impact on the department and other agencies:

This bill will permit the Department with the fiscal resources to pay unclaimed property claims filed at the beginning of the year on a timely basis.

GENERAL FUND: Not applicable.

OTHER FUNDS: \$2,500,000 in unclaimed property trust funds.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2023.