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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 51, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2004, transferred the control of certain functions of  
3 executive branch agencies that pertained to education personnel  
4 and facilities to the department of education to increase  
5 operational efficiency while reducing bureaucracy. However,  
6 after enactment of Act 51, the department of human resources  
7 development continued to provide most services to the employees  
8 of the Hawaii state public library system. Eight years later,  
9 Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, clarified that the transfer  
10 of functions by Act 51 was not intended to include the Hawaii  
11 state public library system or its employees.

12           The legislature further finds that despite the  
13 clarification provided by Act 61, the aspects of workers'  
14 compensation for Hawaii state public library system employees  
15 continue to be within the functions of the department of  
16 education, and not within the functions of the department of  
17 human resources development. The legislature also finds that



1 the department of human resources development has not received  
2 any additional staff or funding from the department of education  
3 to address its increased responsibilities to the Hawaii state  
4 public library system and its employees as a consequence of Act  
5 61.

6 The purpose of this Act is to:

7 (1) Transfer the rights, powers, functions, duties, and  
8 resources of the department of education relating to  
9 workers' compensation for the Hawaii state public  
10 library system and its employees to the department of  
11 human resources development;

12 (2) Establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position  
13 within the department of human resources development  
14 for the management and administration of workers'  
15 compensation for the Hawaii state public library  
16 system and its employees; and

17 (3) Appropriate funds for the workers' compensation costs  
18 of the Hawaii state public library system and its  
19 employees.

20 SECTION 2. All rights, powers, functions, duties, and  
21 resources of the department of education relating to workers'



1 compensation for the Hawaii state public library system and its  
2 employees are transferred to the department of human resources  
3 development effective July 1, 2024, subject to repeal by  
4 subsequent legislation.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent  
10 (1.0 FTE) position within the department of human resources  
11 development for the management and administration of workers'  
12 compensation for the Hawaii state public library system and its  
13 employees.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
15 of human resources development for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2024-2025 for the workers' compensation costs of the Hawaii  
21 state public library system and its employees.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of human resources development for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOE; DHRD; Workers' Compensation; Hawaii State Public Library System; Position; Appropriation

**Description:**

Transfers workers' compensation for Hawaii State Public Library System and its employees from the Department of Education to the Department of Human Resources Development. Establishes a position. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD2)

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