
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS.

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. In prior years, the respective budget acts
5 contained a budget proviso such as section 72 of Act 88, Session
6 Laws of Hawaii 2021, the General Appropriations Act of 2021 (Act
7 88), which permitted departments to transfer funds between their
8 programs provided that the legislature was informed of the
9 transfers. However, section 8 of Act 248, Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2022, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022,
11 repealed section 72 of Act 88, and Act 164, Session Laws of
12 Hawaii 2023, the General Appropriations Act of 2023, does not
13 reinstate the proviso. Consequently, although funds were
14 appropriated to various state departments for their operating
15 programs for fiscal year 2023-2024, the proviso's elimination
16 has caused a critical funding emergency by limiting the ability



1 of departments to transfer funds between their programs to
2 address changing conditions.

3 The purpose of this Act is to address the omission of the
4 transfer proviso by appropriating additional general funds as
5 emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024 for operating
6 shortfalls in quarter 4 funding for existing programs and to
7 adjust funding for various programs to be commensurate with
8 their anticipated levels of activity. The emergency
9 appropriations and the funding adjustments made in this Act are
10 budget neutral.

11 SECTION 3. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is
12 amended by adding to part VIII new sections to read as
13 follows:

14 SECTION 22A.

15 SECTION 22B."

16 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Funds; Appropriations; Transfer Provisos

Description:

Appropriates general funds to various programs for anticipated operating shortfalls due to the limited ability for departments to transfer funds between programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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