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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the devastating  
2 wildfires brought on by winds from Hurricane Dora on August 8,  
3 2023, resulted in one of the worst natural disasters in the  
4 State's history. The wildfires caused loss of life and  
5 displacement of thousands on the island of Maui. The disaster  
6 also destroyed nearly all of Lahaina.

7           The people of Hawaii and the world responded  
8 compassionately by coming together with donation drives and  
9 relief efforts to support those on Maui who had survived the  
10 devastation. Federal, state, and county agencies worked  
11 together with nonprofit organizations, including the American  
12 Red Cross, Hawaii Community Foundation, Maui United Way, and  
13 many others, on the emergency response and recovery efforts.

14           The legislature further finds that to support response and  
15 recovery efforts and address immediate 2023 wildfire funding  
16 needs, the governor, through the seventh emergency proclamation  
17 relating to wildfires, dated September 8, 2023, and executive



1 memorandum no. 23-08, redirected \$164.1 million, after  
2 adjustments, from selected general fund operating appropriations  
3 from Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, originally intended  
4 for specific purposes and capital improvement projects, to the  
5 department of budget and finance. The department of budget and  
6 finance subsequently transferred \$65 million to the major  
7 disaster fund and set aside the remaining \$99.1 million for the  
8 State's share of noncongregate housing and debris clean-up costs  
9 initially being paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.  
10 These steps, among others, allowed the State to address response  
11 and recovery expenses incurred thus far without cutting  
12 positions and departmental base budgets.

13 The purpose of this Act is to continue the Hawaii wildfires  
14 disaster response and recovery efforts by:

- 15 (1) Appropriating \$452.2 million relating to the State's  
16 response to the Maui wildfires and statewide wildfire  
17 mitigation and response; and  
18 (2) Reauthorizing \$160.2 million of general funded capital  
19 improvement project operating appropriations as  
20 general obligation bond funded appropriations.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the state risk  
2 management revolving fund established by section 41D-4, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$200,000,000 or so much thereof as  
4 may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for insurance claim  
5 payments related to the Hawaii wildfires disaster that began on  
6 August 8, 2023.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 accounting and general services, state risk management and  
9 insurance administration (AGS 203), for the purposes of this  
10 section, with the approval of the comptroller.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$186,160,000 or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 as a  
14 set-aside for recovery costs for the Hawaii wildfires disaster  
15 that began on August 8, 2023.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
17 budget and finance, departmental administration and budget  
18 division (BUF 101), for the purposes of this section; provided  
19 that, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the governor may  
20 authorize the transfer of up to \$186,160,000 in general funds to  
21 other state agencies for recovery costs for the Hawaii wildfires



1 disaster that began on August 8, 2023; provided further that the  
2 governor shall submit a report to the legislature within five  
3 days of each use of this authority; provided further that the  
4 report shall include the date of transfer, the amount of the  
5 transfer, the program ID to which funds were transferred, and an  
6 explanation of the purpose of the transfer of resources; and  
7 provided further that the governor shall submit to the  
8 legislature a summary report containing the aforementioned  
9 information for each use of this authority for the previous  
10 twelve month period from December 1 to November 30 no later than  
11 thirty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of  
12 2025 and 2026.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$182,238 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for three  
16 full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions in the department of  
17 business, economic development, and tourism, statewide planning  
18 and coordination special plans branch, for Maui recovery  
19 efforts.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 business, economic development, and tourism, statewide planning  
3 and coordination (BED 144), for the purposes of this section.

4           SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
7 temporary libraries located in Makawao and Lahaina, Maui.

8           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state  
9 public library system, public libraries (EDN 407) for the  
10 purposes of this section.

11           SECTION 6. (a) The department of human services is  
12 authorized to fund six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) temporary  
13 positions to be funded by federal funds.

14           (b) There is appropriated out of the general revenues of  
15 the State of Hawaii the sum of \$13,370,000 or so much thereof as  
16 may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025, and the sum of  
17 \$12,751,554 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18 year 2024-2025 in federal funds for emergency management related  
19 to the Hawaii wildfires that began on August 8, 2023.



1 (c) The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
2 department of human services, general administration - DHS  
3 (HMS 904), for the purposes of this section.

4 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the conservation  
5 and resources enforcement special fund established by section  
6 199-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$521,473 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the  
8 department of land and natural resources, conservation and  
9 resources enforcement, for Maui wildfire recovery efforts.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
11 land and natural resources, conservation and resources  
12 enforcement (LNR 405), for the purposes of this section.

13 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$653,082 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the  
16 Hawaii emergency management agency to establish twenty full-time  
17 equivalent (20.0 FTE) permanent positions for Maui wildfire  
18 recovery.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
20 emergency management agency (DEF 118) for the purposes of this  
21 section.



1 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the public  
2 utilities commission special fund established by section 269-33,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
4 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
5 consultant contracts for utility dockets.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the public  
7 utilities commission (CCA 901) for the purposes of this section.

8 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000,000 or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
11 wildfire response, recovery, and prevention measures.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
13 Hawaiian home lands, administration and operating support  
14 (HHL 625), for the purposes of this section.

15 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,425,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for fire  
18 response and rehabilitation and wildfire fuels reduction  
19 contracts for the department of land and natural resources,  
20 division of forestry and wildlife.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 land and natural resources, native resources and fire protection  
3 program (LNR 402), for the purposes of this section.

4           SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000,000 or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fire and emergency response  
7 equipment.

8           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
9 land and natural resources, native resources and fire protection  
10 program (LNR 402), for the purposes of this section.

11           SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the public  
12 utilities commission special fund established under section  
13 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$900,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
15 consultant contracts for utility dockets.

16           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the division of  
17 consumer advocacy (CCA 103) for the purposes of this section.

18           SECTION 14. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
19 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,360,000 and the same  
20 sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for  
21 fiscal year 2024-2025 for the purpose of West Maui and Upcountry





1 Maui fire prevention, erosion control, and fire suppression dip  
2 tanks.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 land and natural resources, native resources and fire protection  
5 program (LNR 402), for the purposes of this section.

6 SECTION 15. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
7 reimbursable general obligation bonds in the sum of \$63,560,000  
8 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is  
9 appropriated for fiscal year 2024-2025 as follows:

- 10 (1) \$4,560,000 for a final disposition site;
- 11 (2) \$11,000,000 for wastewater collection system repairs;
- 12 (3) \$9,000,000 for wastewater collection system laterals  
13 and cleanouts;
- 14 (4) \$3,000,000 for traffic signal replacement;
- 15 (5) \$10,000,000 for fire flow improvements to water  
16 systems;
- 17 (6) \$10,000,000 for water supply infrastructure repairs  
18 and replacements;
- 19 (7) \$8,000,000 for storm drainage, flood control, and  
20 water quality improvements; and



1 (8) \$8,000,000 for roadway connectivity for disaster  
2 evacuation.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
4 Maui through (SUB 401) for the purposes of this section.

5 SECTION 16. The following sums or so much thereof as may  
6 be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 are appropriated or  
7 authorized, as the case may be, from moneys in the treasury  
8 received from revenue bond funds and federal grants to finance  
9 the project listed below. The letter symbols used after the  
10 specific project appropriations indicate the source of financing  
11 and have the following meaning: (E) revenue bond funds, (N)  
12 federal funds.

13	LAHAINA REPAIR, REHABILITATION,		
14	AND/OR REINSTALLATION, MAUI		
15			
16	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.		
17	TOTAL FUNDING	TRN	\$ 6,600,000E
18			26,400,000N
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20 The sums appropriated shall be expended, and the bonds  
21 authorized shall be issued, by the department of transportation,  
22 Maui highways (TRN 531), for the purposes of this section.

23 SECTION 17. Part II of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii  
24 2023, is amended by amending section 3 as follows:

25 1. By amending item A-24 to read as follows:



1	"24. BED160 - HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION			
2	OPERATING	BED	150,000,000A	[ <del>230,000,000A</del> ]
3				A
4		BED	3,100,000N	3,100,000N
5			23.00*	23.00*
6			45.00#	45.00#
7		BED	13,533,889W	14,046,265W
8		BED	3,000,000P	3,000,000P
9	INVESTMENT CAPITAL	BED	45,000,000C	<u>230,000,000C"</u>

11 2. By amending item G-22 to read as follows:

12	"22. UOH800 - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, COMMUNITY COLLEGES			
13			1,812.50*	1,812.50*
14			46.00#	46.00#
15	OPERATING	UOH	177,676,803A	182,428,030A
16		UOH	75,630,837B	75,630,837B
17			0.50*	0.50*
18		UOH	4,428,296N	4,428,296N
19			34.00*	34.00*
20		UOH	31,824,086W	31,824,086W
21	INVESTMENT CAPITAL	UOH	50,250,000A	[ <del>50,000,000A</del> ]
22				<u>25,000,000A</u>
23		UOH	80,625,000C	[ <del>13,000,000C</del> ]
24				<u>38,000,000C"</u>

25 and

26 3. By amending item G-23 to read as follows:

27	"23. UOH900 - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, SYSTEMWIDE SUPPORT			
28			416.00*	416.00*
29			1.00#	1.00#
30	OPERATING	UOH	62,925,512A	59,963,501A
31			20.00*	20.00*
32		UOH	22,648,946B	23,826,197B
33			4.00*	4.00*
34			4.00#	4.00#
35		UOH	1,094,875N	1,094,875N
36			15.00*	15.00*
37		UOH	18,486,475W	18,501,237W
38	INVESTMENT CAPITAL	UOH	30,000,000A	[ <del>30,000,000A</del> ]
39			C	<u>30,000,000C"</u>

40 SECTION 18. Part V of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii

41 2023, is amended by amending section 7 as follows:



1 1. By amending item G-138 to read as follows:

2 "138. CCS, CAPITAL RENEWAL AND DEFERRED  
3 MAINTENANCE, STATEWIDE

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5 PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND  
6 EQUIPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO UH  
7 COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM FACILITIES.  
8 PROJECTS TO INCLUDE CAPITAL RENEWAL,  
9 REDUCTION OF MAINTENANCE BACKLOG, MAJOR  
10 AND MINOR RENOVATIONS, MODERNIZATION OF  
11 FACILITIES, RE-ROOFING, MECHANICAL AND  
12 ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, RESURFACING,  
13 INFRASTRUCTURE, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING  
14 FACILITIES, AND OTHER REPAIRS AND PROJECT  
15 COSTS FOR UPGRADES.

16 TOTAL FUNDING UOH 25,000 A [~~25,000 A~~]  
17 25,000 C"  
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19 2. By amending item G-147 to read as follows:

20 "147. SYSTEM, RENEW, IMPROVE, AND  
21 MODERNIZE, STATEWIDE

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23 PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND  
24 EQUIPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
25 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM FACILITIES.  
26 PROJECT TO INCLUDE RENEWAL, IMPROVEMENTS  
27 AND MODERNIZATION OF INTERIOR AND  
28 EXTERIOR STRUCTURES, ROOFS, MECHANICAL  
29 AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, PEDESTRIAN  
30 PATHWAYS, ROADWAYS, GROUNDS AND OTHER  
31 PROJECT COSTS TO UPGRADE EXISTING  
32 TEMPORARY AND NEW FACILITIES.

33 TOTAL FUNDING UOH 30,000 A [~~30,000 A~~]  
34 30,000 C"  
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36 3. By adding four new items to read as follows:

37 "XX. DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND  
38 INFUSION, STATEWIDE

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40 CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE AN INFUSION OF  
41 FUNDS TO FINANCE ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE  
42 HOUSING, STATEWIDE

43 TOTAL FUNDING BED C 50,000 C



1	XX.	<u>RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND</u>			
2		<u>REVOLVING FUND INFUSION, STATEWIDE</u>			
3					
4		<u>CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE AN INFUSION OF</u>			
5		<u>FUNDS TO FINANCE ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE</u>			
6		<u>RENTAL HOUSING, STATEWIDE</u>			
7		<u>TOTAL FUNDING</u>	<u>BED</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>180,000 C</u>
8	XX.	<u>TEMPORARY HOUSING, MAUI</u>			
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10		<u>PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION,</u>			
11		<u>ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR</u>			
12		<u>INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING IN</u>			
13		<u>WEST MAUI</u>			
14		<u>TOTAL FUNDING</u>	<u>BED</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>40,000,000 D</u>
15	XX.	<u>MODULAR HOUSING FOR TEMPORARY</u>			
16		<u>UNITS, MAUI</u>			
17	+				
18		<u>PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION,</u>			
19		<u>ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR</u>			
20		<u>INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MODULAR HOUSING FOR</u>			
21		<u>TEMPORARY UNITS IN WEST MAUI</u>			
22		<u>TOTAL FUNDING</u>	<u>BED</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>75,000,000 D"</u>

23 SECTION 19. The appropriations made for the capital  
 24 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
 25 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are  
 26 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations  
 27 unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

28 SECTION 20. Statutory material being amended is bracketed  
 29 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

30 SECTION 21. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Wildfires; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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