
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for fiscal year
2 2025, the executive branch had requested about \$3,600,000,000 in
3 funding for more than forty-seven thousand permanent and three
4 thousand six hundred temporary authorized positions. The amount
5 requested accounted for more than twenty per cent of all
6 authorized funds in fiscal year 2025.

7 The legislature further finds that there has been a high
8 vacancy rate in public employment positions and funds are either
9 transferred or used for purposes that are not consistent with
10 the purpose for which the appropriation was authorized. A
11 vacancy report from December 2024 from the department of human
12 resources development identified four thousand eighty-five
13 vacancies, or about twenty-four per cent of civil service
14 positions, in the State.

15 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that funds
16 appropriated by the legislature are used for their intended
17 purpose by prohibiting the transfer of funds appropriated for



positions to operating expenses, and vice versa, except to
fulfill the legislature's purpose for which the funds were
appropriated.

SECTION 2. Chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
designated and to read as follows:

"§37- Appropriated funds; transfers prohibited. No
department or agency shall transfer funds, or authorize the
transfer of funds, appropriated for:

(1) Positions to operating expenses; or
(2) Operating expenses to fund positions,
except to fulfill the legislature's purpose for which the funds
were appropriated."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

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