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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1423

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 9, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 9, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 933, S.D. 2, H.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
ACT 310

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 9 2025

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 310
S.B. NO. 933
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the federal funding
2 freeze imposed by the United States Office of Management and
3 Budget may have detrimental effects on Hawaii's nonprofit
4 sector, which provides critical services in health and human
5 services. Without assistance from the federal government,
6 Hawaii's federally qualified health centers, and programs that
7 provide child care, social services, subsidized housing, and
8 homeless services, will see a significant drop in funding.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to and
10 authorize temporary full-time equivalent positions for the
11 office of community services of the department of labor and
12 industrial relations to award grants subject to chapter 42F,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other qualifications, for fiscal
14 year 2025-2026, and authorize the office of community services
15 to contract the services of Aloha United Way, Inc., to assist
16 with the administration and distribution of grant awards.



1 SECTION 2. The legislature finds and declares that the
2 grants made pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
3 under this Act are in the public interest and for the public
4 health, safety, and general welfare.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000,000 or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 to
8 the office of community services of the department of labor and
9 industrial relations for:

- 10 (1) The awarding of grants made pursuant to chapter 42F,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the selection process
12 established pursuant to section 4 of this Act, for the
13 benefit of nonprofit organizations in the State of
14 Hawaii; and
- 15 (2) The contracting of administrative support services to
16 evaluate, select, award, distribute moneys to, and
17 monitor compliance of, grant recipients.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
19 community services of the department of labor and industrial
20 relations for the purpose of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. (a) Provided that of the general fund
2 appropriation for the office of community services of the
3 department of labor and industrial relations (program ID LBR903)
4 authorized under section 3, the sum of \$50,000,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026, shall be
6 expended on:

7 (1) Grants issued in accordance with chapter 42F, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, and subsection (b); and

9 (2) Any administrative expenses associated with the
10 selection, award, and administration of the grants.

11 (b) In selecting recipients and awarding and administering
12 grants funded by the appropriation contained in section 3 of
13 this Act, there is established an evaluation and selection
14 committee to oversee the evaluation and selection of, and
15 determine grant award amounts to, nonprofit applicants. The
16 evaluation and selection committee shall be composed of the
17 following members:

18 (1) Two senators appointed by the president of the senate;
19 and

20 (2) Two representatives appointed by the speaker of the
21 house of representatives.



1 The meetings of the evaluation and selection committee shall not
2 be subject to part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 To be eligible for a grant funded by the appropriation
4 contained in section 3, applicants shall be recipients or
5 providers that have sustained a reduction or termination of
6 their federal funding, or if the applicant is not a direct
7 federal funding recipient or provider, the applicant shall
8 primarily serve populations that have been negatively affected
9 by reductions or terminations of federal funding. Applicants
10 for a grant under this Act shall provide documentation
11 evidencing the nature and extent of the federal funding
12 reduction and its impact on the recipient or provider's
13 operations, programs, or services, or shall demonstrate the
14 causal connection between the federal funding change and the
15 adverse impact on the population served, as well as how the
16 proposed use of grant funds will mitigate or address that
17 impact.

18 In evaluating, selecting, awarding, and administering
19 grants funded by the appropriation contained in section 3, the
20 evaluation and selection committee shall apply all qualifying
21 standards, conditions, and other applicable requirements under



1 chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the grant recipients
2 and their respective contracts; provided that the grant
3 application submission deadline contained in section 42F-102,
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to grants applied for
5 and funded pursuant to this Act.

6 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, including
7 chapters 103F and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the office of
8 community services may contract with Aloha United Way, Inc., to
9 provide administrative support to the office of community
10 services to contract and distribute moneys to recipients of
11 grants awarded pursuant chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
12 and this Act. Subject to the approval of the evaluation and
13 selection committee, Aloha United Way, Inc., may charge and
14 receive an administrative fee of no more than \$500,000 to
15 contract, process, and distribute the award of funds made
16 available under this Act.

17 After the settlement of all administrative costs, any
18 remaining unencumbered and unexpended balance shall be returned
19 by Aloha United Way, Inc., to the office of community services
20 for deposit into the State's general fund.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$140,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the
4 office of community services to carry out its responsibilities
5 under this Act. The sum appropriated shall be expended as
6 follows:

- 7 (1) \$130,000 for the establishment of two temporary
8 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions; and
9 (2) \$10,000 for the purchase of office equipment and
10 furniture.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
12 community services of the department of labor and industrial
13 relations.

14 SECTION 6. If any portion of this Act or its application
15 to any person, entity, or circumstance is held to be invalid for
16 any reason, the legislature declares that the remainder of the
17 Act and any other provision thereof shall not be affected
18 thereby. If any portion of a specific appropriation is held to
19 be invalid for any reason, the remaining portion shall be
20 expended to fulfill the objective of that appropriation to the
21 extent possible.



1 SECTION 7. If manifest clerical, typographical, or other
2 mechanical errors are found in this Act, the governor may
3 correct the errors.

4 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2025


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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 933, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives