

Session Laws of Hawaii
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Eighth State Legislature
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• H.B. NO. 3

A Bill for an Act Making Appropriations to Provide for the Expenses of the Legislature, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Reference Bureau, and the Ombudsman.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$1,321,558, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and non-session expenses of the Senate up to and including June 30, 1976, including but not limited to the 1975 regular session, Eighth State Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1975 and 1976 regular sessions.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$1,709,540, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and non-session expenses of the House of Representatives up to and including June 30, 1976, including but not limited to the 1975 regular session, Eighth State Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1975 and 1976 regular sessions.

SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the Senate during the interim between the 1975 and 1976 regular session shall be made only with the approval of the President of the Senate, and payment of expenses of the House of Representatives during the interim between the 1975 and 1976 regular sessions shall be made only with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4. Before January 21, 1976, the Senate and the House of Representatives shall have their accounts audited and a full report of such audit shall be presented to the Senate and to the House of Representatives of the Legislature convening on January 21, 1976.

SECTION 5. The expenses of any member of the Legislature while traveling abroad on official business of the Legislature shall not be limited by the provision of section 78-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or by any other gen-

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eral statute. Until otherwise prescribed by law, the expenses of such member shall be \$45 per day and authorized by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.

SECTION 6. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$1,017,742 to the office of the legislative auditor for the following expenses: (a) the sum of \$787,377, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the office of the legislative auditor during the fiscal year 1975-1976; (b) the sum of \$80,365, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the office of the State ethics commission during the fiscal year 1975-76; (c) the sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended upon approval of this Act, for (1) the purpose of performing special studies, (2) improving capabilities for planning, programming and budgeting, (3) fulfilling other special requests made of the legislative auditor by the Legislature or jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, (4) interim legislative studies including contractual services for such studies, (5) equipment relating to computer systems programming and operations for the purpose of improving the efficiency of legislative operations including, but not limited to, bill drafting, statutory and information retrieval, status of legislative actions, and reproductions of legislative material, and (6) such other purposes as may be determined by the joint action of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or of the Senate and the House of Representatives through the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.

As of the close of business on June 30, 1975, the unexpended or unencumbered balances of appropriations made by Act 3, Session Laws of Hawaii 1970; Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 1971; Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 1972; Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 1973; Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 1974; and any other prior Acts of the Legislature; for the expenses of the office of legislative auditor for special studies, interim legislative studies, contractual services for studies, expenses for the development of the Legislature's planning, programming, and budgeting capabilities, and for equipment for improving the efficiency of legislative operations shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$707,650, to the legislative reference bureau for the following expenses: (a) the sum of \$490,108, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the legislative reference bureau during the fiscal year 1975-76; and (b) the sum of \$217,542, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the office of the revisor of statutes during the fiscal year 1975-76.

SECTION 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of the State the sum of \$210,757, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the office of the ombudsman for defraying the expenses of the office during the fiscal year 1975-76.

SECTION 9. As of the close of business on June 30, 1976, the unex-

pending or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 10. Each section of this Act is hereby declared to be severable from the remainder of this Act.

SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved January 31, 1975.)