

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Repair and Maintenance of State Properties and Facilities.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that maintenance, repair, and renovation of public buildings and public facilities are both an obligation and responsibility that the State must attend to. The legislature finds that schools, hospitals, public buildings, and other public facilities are in dire need of repair, maintenance, and renovation. Certain schools and hospitals require immediate repair to correct safety and health code violations that endanger students and patients. Other public buildings and public facilities need repair to correct structural and non-structural deficiencies. Finally, certain public facilities require renovation both to make them practical public places and to enhance their function.

The legislature further finds that the vicissitudes of an inconsistent

economy create particular economic woes and hardships for an array of construction workers. The unemployment rate for the construction industry is double that of the work force as a whole. Moreover, the construction industry's unemployment rate continues to climb. It is the firm conviction of the legislature that to preserve the income security and economic well-being of Hawaii's people, decisive government policy must be initiated to immediately boost this segment of the economy which has been adversely affected.

This Act, therefore, intends to fulfill the government's responsibility for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of public buildings and facilities by contracting private firms in the construction industry to repair, maintain, and renovate these public facilities.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of ~~\$15,000,000~~; \$14,685,000† or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the repair, maintenance, and renovation of state-owned or controlled properties.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended in the following manner by the following agencies for the purpose of this Act:

(1) Department of accounting and general services	\$10,554,242 \$10,239,242†
(2) Hawaii housing authority	1,208,921
(3) Department of health	2,435,000
(4) University of Hawaii	801,837

Provided that of the ~~\$10,554,242~~ \$10,239,242† appropriated to the Department of Accounting and General Services, \$5,443,242 may be transferred by the agency for use for any other of its existing program appropriations. Provided further that of the ~~\$10,554,242~~ \$10,239,242† appropriated to the Department of Accounting and General Services, ~~\$315,000~~ \$0† shall be expended for construction, furniture, furnishings and equipment for office space for Ombudsman and Legislative Auditor.

SECTION 4. All unexpended and unencumbered balances of the appropriations made by this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 1977, shall lapse into the general fund of the State.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 9, 1976.)

†Vetoed as indicated.