

**Session Laws of Hawaii  
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**ACT 1**

H.B. NO. 1

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 appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,813,264, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the Senate up to and including June 30, 1997, including, but not limited to, the 1996 regular session, Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1996 and 1997 regular sessions.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,975,848, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the House of Representatives up to and including June 30, 1997, including, but not limited to, the 1996 regular session, Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 1996 and 1997 regular sessions.

SECTION 3. Payment of expenses of the Senate during the interim between the 1996 and 1997 regular sessions 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 1996 and 1997 sessions shall be made only with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4. Before January 15, 1997, the Senate and 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 15, 1997.

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 provisions

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of section 78-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or by any other general statute. Until otherwise prescribed by law, the expenses of such member shall be \$130 a day and authorized by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,830,796, to the office of the legislative auditor for the following expenses: (a) the sum of \$2,019,850, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the office of the legislative auditor during the fiscal year 1996–1997; (b) the sum of \$660,946, or so much thereof as may be necessary for defraying the expenses of the office of the state ethics commission during the fiscal year 1996–1997; and (c) the sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary during the fiscal year 1996–1997, for (1) 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) legislative studies and for contractual services for those studies, and (5) 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.

SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,152,984, to the legislative reference bureau, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the legislative reference bureau during the fiscal year 1996–1997, including equipment relating to computer systems programming and operations.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$718,880, 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 1996–1997.

SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying the expenses of the legislative information system (known as “SHADOW”): (a) \$600,000 to the Senate; and (b) \$600,000 to the House of Representatives. This appropriation shall be utilized to pay for hardware, software, consultant, installation, materials, supplies, and other related costs associated with the legislative information system which have been or will be incurred. This appropriation shall take effect upon its approval and shall not lapse until June 30, 1997.

SECTION 10. As of the close of business on June 30, 1997, the unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 11. Each section of this Act is declared to be severable from the remainder of this Act.

SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved February 5, 1996.)