

ACT 68

H.B. NO. 3461

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Federal Fund Appropriation Increase for Health Care Payments.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of human services to provide funds for medical assistance payments under the Med-QUEST division for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996.

The medical assistance program, also known as the Hawaii QUEST and the Medicaid Program, is anticipating the new federal block grant. With this new federal block grant formula, the department needs to increase its federal ceiling in order to meet its fiscal obligation to provide health and health-related services to the Hawaii QUEST and Medicaid recipients.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the federal funds of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$96,037,955 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995–1996, to be used for health care payments.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances of any appropriation made by this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 1996 shall lapse into the appropriate fund.

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

(Approved May 6, 1996.)