

ACT 74

H.B. NO. 3520

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Unemployment Benefits to Former State Employees.

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.

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SECTION 2. Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, appropriated \$4,501,534 to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for unemployment benefits to former state employees as required under Chapter 383, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1995 and ending June 30, 1996.

A critical funding emergency exists. It is projected that there will be a shortfall by February 1, 1996 in the state general fund appropriation for unemployment benefits, and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide unemployment benefits to former state employees.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to allow the State to meet its fiscal obligations under Chapter 383, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995-1996, to be used exclusively to cover unemployment compensation claims of former state employees as required by Chapter 383, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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

(Approved May 9, 1996.)