

ACT 76

H.B. NO. 3425

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation Out of the Special Fund for the Administration of Workers' Compensation Insurance.

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 article VII, section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, designated sources of revenues to be deposited into a special fund to provide funds for administering workers' compensation insurance for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996.

A critical funding emergency exists. There is no appropriation within Act 234 or any other act to authorize the insurance commissioner to expend moneys in the special fund. Without the necessary appropriation language, the commissioner cannot properly and adequately administer the workers' compensation insurance program.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize the spending of moneys in the special fund to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of proper and adequate administration of the workers' compensation insurance program.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the workers' compensation insurance special fund the sum of \$150,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995-1996 for administering the workers' compensation insurance program of the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

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

(Approved May 10, 1996.)