

**ACT 89**

H.B. NO. 2409

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Department of Accounting and General Services, Information and Communication Services Division.

*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. Although general funds were appropriated for the information processing services program for the period beginning July 1, 1999, through June 30,

2000, a critical funding emergency exists. In order to address an over collection of federal reimbursements during fiscal years 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the billing of federal-funded programs for information technology services by the information and communication services division will be limited in fiscal year 1999-2000. As a result of this reduction in revenues and due to increased operating expenses, the program will realize an operating budget deficit of \$800,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000. To meet the existing fiscal obligations required to provide continued information processing services for state agencies, the program will spend all available funds prior to the end of the current fiscal year.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to address the budget deficit while preventing the deletion of selected statewide information technology services.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1999-2000 to be used in support of the State's information processing services program.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. The department of accounting and general services shall pursue action against the consultant who made the over-collection and hold the consultant accountable for the resulting loss. The department shall report to the legislature no later than twenty days before the regular session of 2001, on the action taken and results.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 2, 2000.)