

**ACT 134**

S.B. NO. 1045

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Health Fund Premiums.

*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 91, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, as amended by Act 281, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of budget and finance for the payment of the State's employer share of the health fund premium as set forth in chapter 87, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.

Section 4.1 of Act 281, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, authorizes the governor to transfer up to \$14,500,000 in general funds to tourism (BED 113) for the operation and events of the Hawaii convention center. The department of budget and finance will expend all moneys appropriated for the State's employer share of health fund premiums before the end of the fiscal year, which includes transfer of funds to the Hawaii convention center. The department of budget and finance will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to satisfy the State's obligation to provide for health benefits to state employees.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to satisfy the State's statutory requirement relating to the public employees health fund.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001 to be used for the payment of health fund premiums under the department of budget and finance.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 22, 2001.)