
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the national and
2 global economic crisis that began in the second half of 2008
3 caused significant economic problems in numerous industries in
4 the State, including the airline, cruise ship, tourist, and
5 construction industries. Hawaii businesses statewide, from the
6 agricultural sector to the medical-services sector, have felt
7 the financial ramifications of this recession, resulting in cuts
8 to employee hours and benefits, as well as layoffs.

9 Over the past few years, difficult economic times and
10 declining tax revenues have also resulted in budget cuts for all
11 state services. These cuts have jeopardized the safety net of
12 basic human services, health, and education for Hawaii's
13 residents and families. While all of Hawaii's residents will be
14 affected by the situation, gap group families and families
15 closest to the poverty line will suffer the most.

16 Pursuant to Act 304, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, the
17 legislature established the emergency and budget reserve fund as
18 a temporary supplemental source of funding for the State in



1 times of emergency, economic downturn, or unforeseen reduction
2 in revenues. As set forth in section 328L-3, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, specific purposes for the fund include maintaining
4 levels of programs determined to be essential to public health,
5 safety, welfare, and education. Act 304 also included certain
6 prohibitions on appropriations from the emergency and budget
7 reserve fund. Appropriations for the following purposes are
8 specifically prohibited:

- 9 (1) To meet expenses of the legislature;
- 10 (2) To provide for salary adjustments for officials
11 appointed pursuant to article V, section 6, or article
12 VI, section 3, of the Hawaii state constitution and
13 for others whose salaries are directly related to
14 salaries of these officials; and
- 15 (3) To fund cost items in any collective bargaining
16 contract.

17 The legislature finds that expenditures from the emergency
18 and budget reserve fund are needed to meet the conditions of
19 emergency, economic downturn, and unforeseen reduction in
20 revenues that the State currently faces. Further, the
21 legislature finds that the appropriation in this Act is



1 consistent with the purposes of the emergency and budget reserve
2 fund.

3 Therefore, given the ongoing economic crisis, the purpose
4 of this Act is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and
5 budget reserve fund of the State to maintain the levels of
6 social service programs relating to child abuse and neglect that
7 are essential to the public welfare.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the emergency and
9 budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000
10 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014
11 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
12 fiscal year 2014-2015 for services offered by or contracted
13 through the department of human services relating to child abuse
14 and neglect.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 human services for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to DHS for child abuse and neglect social services. Effective July 1, 2013.

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