
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
4 and to read as follows:

5 "§127A- State of emergency; federal relief funds; joint

6 legislative budget committee. (a) Notwithstanding any other
7 law to the contrary, if the legislature is not in session when:

8 (1) The governor has called a state of emergency pursuant
9 to this chapter; and

10 (2) The United States Congress has passed a financial
11 relief package providing the State with an amount
12 greater than \$ due to an emergency,

13 then the joint legislative budget committee established pursuant
14 to section 21F-3 shall convene within fourteen days after the
15 financial relief package becomes law to prepare a recommendation
16 for the legislature on how to appropriate federal funds received
17 pursuant to paragraph (2).



1 Hawaii, of this amount, only the city and county of Honolulu
2 received a direct allocation of \$387,176,021 for certain
3 specified expenditures.

4 The legislature further finds that our governmental
5 structure is unique compared to other states. Programs such as
6 public education, public safety correctional prisons and jails,
7 and hospitals are funded by the State and not the counties. As
8 a result, the program and service costs should be supplemented
9 by any share of federal moneys designated for the counties. In
10 addition, if a county requests services from the National Guard,
11 a portion of those costs should also come out of any specific
12 allocation to that county.

13 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds received
14 by the State from the Act for the purpose of COVID-19
15 response and activities with funds for certain programs paid for
16 from the county share.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the funds received
18 by the State of Hawaii from the Act, the sum of \$1 or
19 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022
20 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
21 fiscal year 2022-2023 to be used for COVID-19 response conducted



1 pursuant to Public Law _____ and associated guidance issued
2 by appropriate federal agencies; provided that:

3 (1) The amounts appropriated for public education, jails,
4 and hospitals shall be provided by the county by
5 direct allocation, if any; and

6 (2) County requests for service from the National Guard
7 shall be provided by the county at twenty-five per
8 cent of the costs.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
10 for the purposes of this Act.

11 PART III

12 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



Report Title:

Coronavirus Disease 2019; Counties; State of Emergency; Joint
Legislative Budget Committee; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the joint legislative budget committee, under certain circumstances, to convene and make recommendations to the legislature regarding federal funds. Provides the legislature with the opportunity to convene in special session in accordance to the state constitution to act on the recommendations, otherwise authorizes the governor to expend federal funds pursuant to the governor's emergency powers. Appropriates federal funds for COVID-19 response. Requires funding of certain programs to be paid for from the county share. (HD1)

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