

JAN 26 2011

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 difficult economic
2 times and declining tax revenues have resulted in budget cuts
3 for all state services. The current and impending situation
4 jeopardizes the safety net of basic human services, health, and
5 education needs for Hawaii's residents and families.

6 Pursuant to Act 304, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, the
7 legislature established the emergency and budget reserve fund as
8 a temporary supplemental source of funding for the state of
9 Hawaii in times of emergency, economic downturn, or unforeseen
10 reduction in revenues. As set forth in section 328L-3, Hawaii
11 Revised Statutes, specific purposes for the fund include
12 maintaining levels of programs determined to be essential to
13 public health, safety, welfare, and education. Act 304 also
14 included certain prohibitions on appropriations from the
15 emergency and budget reserve fund. Appropriations for the
16 following purposes are specifically prohibited:

- 17 (1) To meet expenses of the legislature;
- 18 (2) To provide for salary adjustments for officials
19 appointed pursuant to article V, section 6 or

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1 article VI, section 3 of the Hawaii Constitution and
2 for others whose salaries are directly related to
3 salaries of these officials; and

4 (3) To fund cost items in any collective bargaining
5 contract.

6 The legislature finds that expenditures from the emergency
7 and budget reserve fund are needed to meet the conditions of
8 emergency, economic downturn, and unforeseen reduction in
9 revenues that the State currently faces. Further, the
10 legislature finds that the appropriations in this Act are
11 consistent with the purposes of the emergency and budget reserve
12 fund.

13 Therefore, given the current economic crisis and
14 concomitant budget deficit, the purpose of this Act is to
15 appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund of
16 the state of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs
17 determined to be essential to education, public health, and
18 public welfare.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the emergency and
20 budget reserve fund of the state of Hawaii the sum of
21 \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
22 year ____ for _____ services.

23 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
24 _____ for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: RS.TZ.

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BY REQUEST

Report Title:

Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. Effective upon approval.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Budget and Finance

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to make appropriations from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (EBRF) to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

MEANS: Make specific appropriations for the fiscal year _____ from the EBRF to the departments of _____.

JUSTIFICATION: Difficult economic times and declining tax revenues have resulted in budget cuts for all state services. The current and impending situation jeopardizes the safety net of basic human services, health, and education needs for Hawaii's residents and families.

Impact on the public: This bill appropriates funds from the EBRF to better ensure essential education, public health, and public welfare services are maintained.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Appropriations from the EBRF would enhance the departments of _____ ability to continue providing essential education, public health and public welfare services to the public.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: \$

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: BUF 101.

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OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

Departments of

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.