



GOV. MSG. NO. 1125

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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

May 1, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 1, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1118 SD1

**MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR HAZARD
EVALUATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
PREPAREDNESS.**

ACT 025 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOR HAZARD EVALUATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The department of health provides public health
5 and environmental hazard evaluation and emergency response
6 services twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week. These
7 resources have been deployed to several high profile events such
8 as Hurricane Iselle, the Puna lava flows, the Tohoku earthquake
9 and tsunami, and the Honolulu Harbor molasses spill.

10 Services are funded by the environmental response revolving
11 fund. The fund is capitalized primarily by the state
12 environmental response, energy, and food security tax. Five
13 cents are deposited in the environmental response revolving fund
14 from the \$1.05 tax assessed on each barrel of petroleum product
15 sold by a distributor to any retail dealer or end user of
16 petroleum product. However, the environmental response
17 revolving fund balance is dangerously low due to reduced



1 consumption of crude oil in the State, while demand for public
2 health and environmental hazard evaluation and emergency
3 response has increased. Without adequate capitalization, the
4 department of health will be forced to begin the process of
5 laying off program staff before the end of fiscal year 2015.

6 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2014-2015 to preserve public
8 health by continuing environmental hazard evaluation and
9 emergency response preparedness.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be
13 deposited in to the environmental response revolving fund
14 established under section 128D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for
15 the purpose of hazard evaluation and emergency response
16 preparedness.

17 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the environmental
18 response revolving fund the sum of \$800,000 or so much thereof
19 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be used for the
20 purpose of hazard evaluation and emergency response
21 preparedness.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 1 day of MAY , 2015



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII