



GOV. MSG. NO. 1303

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 2, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

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

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1312 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS  
**ACT 202 (15)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address state  
2 funds.

3           The legislature finds that article VII, section 6, of the  
4 Constitution of the State of Hawaii, when certain conditions  
5 occur, requires the legislature to provide a tax refund or tax  
6 credit to state taxpayers or make a deposit into one or more  
7 funds, as provided by law, to serve as a reserve for the State.  
8 The conditions are that the state general fund balances at the  
9 end of two successive fiscal years exceed five per cent of the  
10 state general revenues for those fiscal years.

11           The legislature finds that the state general fund balances  
12 at the end of fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 exceeded five  
13 per cent of the state general revenues for those fiscal years.  
14 However, the legislature finds that, during the regular session  
15 of 2015, the legislature is required to provide a tax refund or  
16 credit and cannot, pursuant to section 328L-3(a)(3), Hawaii  
17 Revised Statutes, make a deposit into a reserve fund.



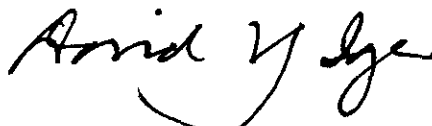
1           The legislature finds that the best course of action during  
2 the regular session of 2015 is to make a deposit into the  
3 emergency and budget reserve fund instead of providing a tax  
4 refund or credit. The legislature finds it preferable to  
5 increase the reserve fund at present to address possible  
6 emergencies and contingencies that may occur in the future when  
7 state revenues slow down.

8           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for  
9 fiscal year 2014-2015, the director of finance shall transfer to  
10 the emergency and budget reserve fund the total sum of the tax  
11 credit or tax refund as determined by the legislature pursuant  
12 to the provisions of article VII, section 6, of the Hawaii  
13 Constitution.

14           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000,000 or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be  
17 deposited into the emergency and budget reserve fund by the  
18 director of finance.

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

APPROVED this        2        day of        JUL        , 2015



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII