

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

847

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1298  
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Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 1298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer to the general  
fund the unencumbered balances of various non-general funds from  
various state departments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Volunteer  
Legal Services Hawai'i, Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies,  
and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs,  
Judiciary, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of  
Agriculture, Department of Public Safety, Department of Human  
Resources Development, Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Department of Education, Department of Defense, Department of  
Transportation, University of Hawai'i System; Office of Hawaiian  
Affairs, Hawaii State Public Library System, Office of Enterprise  
Technology Services, Board of Education, Stadium Authority, Hawaii  
Green Infrastructure Authority, Natural Energy Laboratory of  
Hawaii Authority, Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Statewide

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Automated Victim Information and Notification Governance Committee of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, McKinley Community School for Adults, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawai'i, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui, Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, PHOCUSED, Family Law Section of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Appellate Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawaii Bicycling League, American Heart Association, Hawaii County Bar Association, North Shore Community Land Trust, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, Hawaii State Bar Association, Wilcox Medical Center, Peer Education Program at Aiea High School, The Trust for Public Land, Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center, Airlines for America, Enterprise Holdings, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Ke Ao Hali'i, Hawai'i Pacific Health, The Queen's Health Systems, Obesity Prevention Task Force of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i, Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission, Airport Concessionaires Committee, Hope Services, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo, Ala Kahakai Trail Association, Hoi Mai Ka Lei I Mamo, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Employees' Retirement System; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawaii Justice Foundation; Domestic Violence Action Center; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Parents and Children Together; Airlines Committee of Hawaii; and three individuals.




Your Committee finds that various non-general funds from the various state departments have unencumbered balances that are substantially more than is required to fund the related programs associated with these funds.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Lapsing only the amounts to the general fund for various non-general funds that are either inactive or have been determined by each state department to be in excess of the requirements of the funds;
- (2) Ensuring that if this measure is signed into law after June 30, 2021, it shall retroactively take effect on that date; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1298, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1298, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

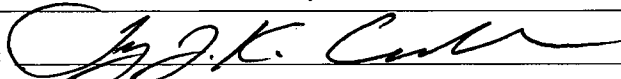
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana	✓			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	✓			
5. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
6. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
12. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
13. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
<b>TOTAL (15)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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