
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STADIUM
AUTHORITY.

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 social and economic impact of the COVID-19
5 virus on the State of Hawaii has been devastating. For the
6 health and safety of the general public, in order to slow the
7 spread of COVID-19, in March 2020, all public gathering places,
8 were closed to the public. This necessary closure of public
9 gathering places included sporting and entertainment events at
10 the Aloha Stadium as well as its iconic Aloha Stadium Swap Meet
11 and Marketplace. As a result of the public gathering shutdown,
12 Aloha Stadium could no longer generate revenue and is projecting
13 to exhaust its cash balance before the end of June 30, 2021.

14 To continue to minimally maintain the operational use of
15 the Aloha Stadium, it is imperative that the Stadium receive a
16 general fund cash appropriation or infusion of \$1,500,000 to

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1 complete fiscal year 2020-2021 and to provide sufficient cash to
2 begin the next fiscal year.

3 In anticipation of a cash shortfall, the Stadium
4 immediately furloughed its hourly workers then followed with
5 adjusting its maintenance and other event-related contracts,
6 where reasonably and prudently possible.

7 The purpose of this Act is to provide an emergency
8 appropriation of general funds to allow the Aloha Stadium to
9 continue to operate and maintain the facility in a safe
10 condition for the general public.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$1,500,000 or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be
14 deposited into the stadium special fund created pursuant to
15 section 109-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for payroll and other
16 current expenses, to address payroll and other current operating
17 and maintenance expenses necessary to maintain the facility in a
18 safe condition for the general public.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the stadium
20 authority for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Stadium Authority

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Stadium Authority for payroll, various repair and maintenance costs, contracts for services, and operating equipment. Effective upon approval.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Accounting and General Services/Stadium Authority

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY.

PURPOSE: To make an emergency appropriation of \$1,500,000 in general funds that will allow the Stadium Authority to continue to maintain and continue to operate the stadium facility in a safe, efficient, and compliant manner for the safety and benefit of the residents of the State of Hawaii.

MEANS: Emergency appropriation.

JUSTIFICATION: The social and economic impact of the COVID-19 virus on the State of Hawaii has been devastating. For the health and safety of the general public, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, in March 2020, all public gathering places were closed to the public. This necessary closure of public gathering places included sporting and entertainment events at the Aloha Stadium (Stadium) as well as its iconic Aloha Stadium Swap Meet and Marketplace. As a result of the public gathering shutdown, the Stadium could no longer generate revenue and is projecting to exhaust its cash balance before the end of fiscal year 2020-2021. To continue to minimally maintain the operational use of the Aloha Stadium, it is imperative that the Stadium receive a general fund cash appropriation of \$1,500,000 to complete fiscal year 2020-2021 and provide sufficient cash to begin the next fiscal year.

In anticipation of a cash shortfall, the Stadium took proactive measures to minimize

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the projected shortfall by immediately furloughing its part-time hourly workers, then followed with adjusting its maintenance and other event-related contracts, where reasonably and prudently possible.

Impact on the public: This bill provides the general funds necessary to minimally fund the personnel and operating costs required to maintain the Aloha Stadium facility until such time that places of public gathering can be allowed to open, operate, and the Stadium Authority can provide a facility that has been maintained and is safe for the general public to patronize.

Impact on the department and other agencies: No impact on the department and other agencies.

GENERAL FUND: \$1,500,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: AGS 889.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.