

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO FUND A GRANT TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, FUTURE PLANNING, AND GROUND WATER REMEDIATION.

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
- the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. 3
- SECTION 2. The 2021 fuel leak at the United States Navy's 4
- 5 Red Hill fuel storage facility on Oahu and subsequent
- 6 groundwater contamination is an ongoing environmental and health
- 7 crisis. Despite the Navy's agreement to drain the fuel storage
- 8 tanks, the immediate threat of groundwater and aquifer
- contamination remains. The purpose of this Act is to
- 10 appropriate funds to the Oahu board of water supply for
- emergency operations, future planning, and remediation resulting 11
- 12 from the contamination of the southern Oahu basal aquifer.
- 13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the leaking
- 14 underground storage tank fund established pursuant to section
- 15 342L-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$ or so
- 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022, as a



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- 1 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be
- 2 used for emergency operations, future planning, and remediation
- 3 resulting from the contamination of the southern Oahu basal
- 4 aquifer.
- 5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 6 health to fund a grant to the Oahu board of water supply for the
- 7 purposes of this Act; provided that the department of health
- 8 shall seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
- 9 United States Navy to fully reimburse the State for the cost of
- 10 this appropriation.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect uper its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Board of Water Supply; Ground Water Remediation; Red Hill Storage Fuel Facility

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to the leaking underground storage tank fund to fund a grant to the Oahu Board of Water Supply for emergency operations, future planning, and remediation resulting from the contamination of the Southern Oahu Basal Aquifer; provided that the Department of Health seeks to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Navy to reimburse the Department of Health for the full amount of the appropriation.

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