
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
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The 2021 fuel leak at the United States Navy's
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
9 contamination remains.

10 The purpose of this Act is to:

11 (1) Appropriate funds to the Honolulu board of water
12 supply for emergency operations, future planning, and
13 remediation resulting from the contamination of the
14 southern Oahu basal aquifer; and

15 (2) Require the Honolulu board of water supply to submit
16 reports to the legislature on the expenditure of the



1 funds, remediation efforts, and testing quality prior
2 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2023,
3 2024, and 2025.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the leaking
5 underground storage tank fund established pursuant to section
6 342L-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022, as a
8 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be
9 used for emergency operations, future planning, and remediation
10 resulting from the contamination of the southern Oahu basal
11 aquifer.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 health to fund a grant to the Honolulu board of water supply for
14 the purposes of this Act; provided that the department of health
15 shall seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
16 United States Navy to fully reimburse the State for the cost of
17 this appropriation.

18 SECTION 4. The Honolulu board of water supply shall submit
19 a report on all expenditures of funds appropriated by this Act,
20 remediation efforts taken by the Honolulu board of water supply,
21 and testing quality to the legislature no later than twenty days



1 prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2023, 2024,
2 and 2025.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.

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Report Title:

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

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation from the leaking underground storage tank fund to fund a grant to the Honolulu board of water supply for emergency operations, future planning, and remediation resulting from the contamination of the southern Oahu basal aquifer. Requires the department of health to seek 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. Requires the Honolulu board of water supply to make reports to the legislature on all expenditures, remediation efforts, and testing quality prior to the regular sessions of 2023, 2024, and 2025. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

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