
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE ASSURANCE SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish the
2 annual expenditure ceiling of the office of healthcare assurance
3 special fund through the state budget process, to offset
4 increasing operational expenses that include contracts to
5 implement a new management information system and background
6 checks system, as well as diminish dependence on the general
7 fund, and to authorize emergency spending beyond the established
8 budget ceiling.

9 SECTION 2. Section 321-1.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

11 "(b) Moneys in the special fund shall be expended by the
12 department of health:

13 (1) To assist in offsetting operating costs and
14 educational program expenses of the department of
15 health's office of health care assurance; and

16 (2) For the purpose of enhancing the capacity of office of
17 health care assurance programs to:



- 1 (A) Improve public health outreach efforts, program
2 and community development, and consultations to
3 industries regulated;
- 4 (B) Educate the public, the staff of the department
5 of health, and other departments within the
6 State, as well as staff and providers of all
7 health care facilities and agencies regulated;
8 [~~and~~]
- 9 (C) Administer and support the durable medical
10 equipment supplier license program established
11 pursuant to part XLIII[-]; and
- 12 (D) Expend funds in excess of the approved spending
13 ceiling for emergencies as approved by the
14 director of health; provided that emergencies may
15 be identified as man-made or acts of God; and
16 provided further that funds shall only be
17 expended for purposes identified in this
18 subsection, and total funds expended shall not
19 exceed the reasonably anticipated special fund
20 balance as of June 30 of the expending year, less
21 any reserve balance. A reserve balance of not



1 less than \$5,000 shall be maintained as of
2 June 30 of each fiscal year.

3 [~~Not more than \$327,000 of the special~~] Special fund
4 expenditures approved through the state budget process may be
5 used during any fiscal year for the activities carried out by
6 the office of health care assurance.

7 ~~[(c) Any amount in the special fund in excess of \$387,500~~
8 ~~on June 30 of each year shall be deposited into the general~~
9 ~~fund.]"~~

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Office of Healthcare Assurance Special Fund; Ceiling

Description:

Provides that the annual expenditure ceiling of the office of healthcare assurance special fund shall be established through the state budget process. Authorizes emergency spending beyond the established budget ceiling. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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