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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general  
3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$700,000 or so much  
4 thereof as necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the  
5 department of taxation to upgrade software and computer systems.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 taxation for the purposes of this part.

8 PART II

9 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the United States  
10 Department of Energy Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs program is  
11 providing \$7,000,000,000 to establish up to ten regional clean  
12 energy hubs across America. As part of a larger \$8,000,000,000  
13 hydrogen hub program funded through the Infrastructure  
14 Investment and Jobs Act, the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs  
15 program will be a central driver in helping communities across  
16 the country benefit from clean energy investments, good-paying  
17 jobs, and improved energy security.



1           The legislature further finds that the United States  
2 Department of Energy selected Hawaii as one of thirty-three  
3 public-private consortiums to compete for the federal funding.  
4 Proposed as the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub, the department of  
5 business, economic development, and tourism is leading the  
6 consortium to leverage \$500,000,000 in private investment for  
7 \$500,000,000 in matching funds from the United States Department  
8 of Energy that will drive the production, processing, delivery,  
9 storage, and end-use of clean hydrogen, including innovative  
10 uses in the industrial sector. The State's strategic military  
11 position in the Indo-Pacific and its partnerships with the  
12 United States Department of Defense make its proposal unique  
13 amongst its competition. The United States Department of  
14 Defense is seeking to replace petroleum-based fuels with  
15 hydrogen vehicles and platforms so the United States Department  
16 of Defense may become a major customer for the consortium. If  
17 fully built and implemented, the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub  
18 will become a major industry and job center for the State.

19           Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to:

- 20           (1) Require the department of business, economic  
21           development, and tourism to work with the University



1 of Hawaii on workforce development activities that  
2 support the development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen  
3 hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen  
4 energy industry; and

5 (2) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub.

6 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic  
7 development, and tourism shall work with the University of  
8 Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the  
9 development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub and other related  
10 aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,500,000 or so much  
13 thereof as necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the sum of  
14 \$10,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
15 year 2024-2025 to develop the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
18 of this part.

19 PART III

20 SECTION 5. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
21 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
2 appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,  
3 C.D. 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
4 for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or  
5 10 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this  
6 Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal  
7 year 2023-2024 to be further exceeded by \$6,200,000 or 1 per  
8 cent. The combined total amount of general fund appropriations  
9 contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general  
10 fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be  
11 exceeded by \$1,069,967,367 or 11 per cent. The reasons for  
12 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 13 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to  
14 serve the public interest; and  
15 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs  
16 addressed by this Act.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



**Report Title:**

DOTAX; DBEDT; UH; Hydrogen Hub; Appropriation; Expenditure  
Ceiling

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of taxation for upgrades to software and computer systems. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub. (CD1)

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