

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOBILE VACCINATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that vaccines are a
2 critical intervention that dramatically decreases the health
3 impacts of influenza, COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus, and
4 other viruses that affect the general population. Studies have
5 demonstrated the tremendous importance of vaccines in both
6 reducing the severity of illness as well as the transmission of
7 disease. During the COVID-19 pandemic, federal funding from the
8 Federal Emergency Management Agency allowed for the deployment
9 of mobile vaccination units to populations who had limited
10 access to health care facilities or pharmacies providing the
11 vaccine and who were unable to be transported to vaccination
12 centers. These mobile vaccination units were highly successful
13 in increasing vaccination rates and reducing the spread of
14 COVID-19 and influenza during the pandemic.

15 The legislature further finds that to reduce the burden on
16 hospitals and medical facilities, the State should continue to
17 support community vaccination efforts, particularly for those



1 individuals who are unable to travel to vaccination sites or
2 facilities in the State.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
4 department of health for mobile vaccination services for
5 homebound individuals.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
9 mobile vaccination services for homebound individuals.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
11 health for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
13 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
15 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
16 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
17 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
18 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
19 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
20 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
21 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these



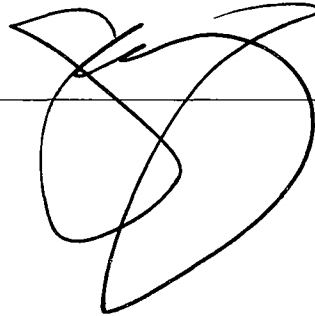
1 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
2 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
3 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
4 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 5 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
6 serve the public interest; and
7 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
8 addressed by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2853

Report Title:

DOH; Mobile Vaccination Services; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of health for mobile vaccination services for homebound individuals.

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