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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

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

SECTION 1. Section 328L-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows: "(d) The legislature may make appropriations from the fund 3 4 for the following purposes: To maintain levels of programs determined to be 5 (1)essential to public health, safety, welfare, and 7 education; To provide for counter cyclical economic and (2) 8 9 employment programs in periods of economic 10 downturn: (3) To restore facilities destroyed or damaged or 11 services disrupted by disaster in any county; and 12 13 (4) To meet other emergencies when declared by the governor or determined to be urgent by the 14 legislature. 15 Any act making appropriations from the emergency and budget 16 reserve fund shall include a declaration of findings and 17

- 1 purposes setting forth the purposes, the amounts, and the
- 2 reasons why the appropriations are necessary and shall require a
- 3 [two thirds] three-fourths majority vote of each house of the
- 4 legislature."
- 5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Report Title:

Emergency and budget reserve fund

Description:

Increases voting requirement for appropriations from two-thirds majority vote of each house of the legislature to a three-fourths majority vote of each house of the legislature.

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