

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 321-234 (d), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, REQUIRING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RECEIPT AND
EXPENDITURES FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL FUND

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**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 321-234 (d), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL FUND**

The emergency medical services special fund (EMS special fund), established in section 321-234, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) was created by Act 158, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2004, to provide funds for operation of an enhanced and expanded state comprehensive emergency medical services system. The statutory language is as follows:

§321-234 Emergency medical services special fund. (a) There is established within the state treasury a special fund to be known as the emergency medical services special fund to be administered and expended by the department.

(b) The moneys in the special fund shall be used by the department for operating a state comprehensive emergency medical services system including enhanced and expanded services, and shall not be used to supplant funding for emergency medical services authorized prior to [July 1, 2004].

(c) Fees remitted pursuant to section 249-31, cigarette tax revenues designated under section 245-15, interest and investment earnings attributable to the moneys in the special fund, legislative appropriations, and grants, donations, and contributions from private or public sources for the purposes of the fund, shall be deposited into the special fund.

(d) The department shall submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session that outlines the receipts of, and expenditures from, the special fund.

Act 158, SLH 2004, also amended section 249-31, HRS, as follows:

"§249-31 State registration fee. (a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-3 to 249-6 shall be subject to a [~~\$20~~] \$25 annual vehicle registration fee. (b) From each annual motor vehicle registration fee, the director shall deposit \$20 into the state highway fund and \$5 into the emergency medical services special fund."

Act 162, SLH 2011, amended section 249-31, HRS, to read as follows:

"§249-31 State registration fee. (a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 to 249-6 shall be subject to a [~~\$25~~] \$45 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable at the same time and shall be collected together with the county fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the county registration fee. The respective counties shall collect this fee together with the

vehicle registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the moneys collected under this section to the State. (b) From each annual motor vehicle registration fee, the director shall deposit [~~\$20~~] \$40 into the state highway fund and \$5 into the emergency medical services special fund."

The allocation of EMS special funds directed by Act 158, SLH 2004, was based on a study conducted by the department in 2001 that prioritized the areas that additional ambulance services were needed through-out the state. The priority areas were metropolitan Honolulu, Waianae/Nanakuli, and Kaaawa/Kahaluu on the island of Oahu; Wailea on the island of Maui; and Ocean View Estates on the island of Hawaii. These areas were specifically targeted for enhanced services to be paid for from the new EMS special fund.

Act 158, SLH 2004, also recognized the shortage of paramedics and need for training of emergency medical personnel by allocating funding for enhanced paramedic training on the neighbor islands. The allocation of funds was based upon funding availability and the resources available for development and training.

The department continues to maintain and operate the statewide EMS system including the enhancements added pursuant to Act 158, SLH 2004, through its contracted providers.

Receipts

In FY 2014, revenue collected from the five dollars per vehicle registration fee was deposited into the EMS special fund. The EMS special fund revenues from vehicle registration fees (source code 0018) in FY 2014 were \$5,388,713.00 ¹.

In FY 2014, revenue collected from 1.25 cents per cigarette sold pursuant to section 245-15, HRS, was deposited into the EMS special fund. The EMS special fund revenues from cigarette sales (source code 0012) in FY 2014 were \$8,787,483.78 ¹.

The EMS special fund revenues from the investment pool account (source code 0288) in FY 2014 were \$59,538.00 ¹.

The EMS special fund revenues (total) in FY 2014 were \$14,235,734.78 ².

Expenditures

Expenditures in FY 2014 were \$13,307,107.63 ².

Remaining Encumbrances

The remaining encumbrances, as of June 30, 2014, were \$8,797,370.39 ³.

¹ FINANCIAL AND BUDGET INFORMATION – DATAMART – STATE OF HAWAII FAMIS – Revenue Listing By Source Code, FAMIS as of: 07/23/2014.

² MBP477-A, OPTION: 2, STATE OF HAWAII FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING & MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM STATUS OF CASH BALANCES AS OF 06/30/14. Revenue and Expenditures reported do not include revenue listed for source code 1364.

³ MBP490-A, STATE OF HAWAII FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING & MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCE REPORT BY DEPARTMENT AS OF 06/30/14.