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February 26, 2024

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Request to Transfer Funds

Submitted for your consideration is a resolution to authorize the transfer of funds from the Department of the Medical Examiner (MED) salary character of expenditure to MED current expenses character of expenditure for Fiscal Year 2024.

This resolution is a requirement of Section 2-17.2(c)(2) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), which requires that the Council approve by resolution any transfer of funds between character of expenditure within the same activity whenever the cumulative amount of the transfers from or to a character of expenditure exceeds the lesser of (a) \$100,000, or (b) the greater of (i) 10 percent of the appropriation for either the originating or receiving character of expenditure, or (ii) \$10,000.

MED is requesting the transfer of \$170,000 from salaries to current expenses to cover the increase cost of offsite human remains storage. MED was recently made aware that the existing generator is unable to power the new walk-in refrigeration unit in the event of a power outage. MED expects a deficit in current expenses primarily due to the unanticipated increase in the cost of offsite body storage services.

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Should you have any questions, please call me at 768-3063 or email
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Sincerely,



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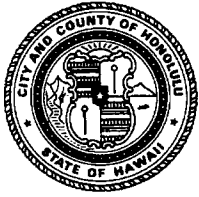
Masahiko Kobayashi, M.D., Ph.D.
Medical Examiner

Attachment

APPROVED:



Michael D. Formby
Managing Director



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Section 2-17.2(c)(1), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), requires that the City Council ("Council") approve by resolution any transfer of funds between activities whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to an activity totals in excess of \$100,000 or 10 percent of the amount appropriated for that activity in the executive operating budget ordinance, as it may be amended, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 2-17.2(c)(2) requires that the Council approve by resolution any transfer of funds between characters of expenditure within the same activity whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to a character of expenditure exceeds the lesser of: (a) \$100,000; or (b) the greater of: (i) 10 percent of the appropriation for either the originating or receiving character of expenditure; or (ii) \$10,000; and

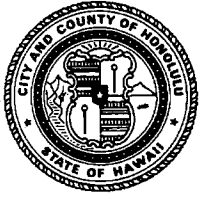
WHEREAS, the Department of the Medical Examiner (MED) was made aware that in the event of a power outage, the existing generator in the building will not be able to power the new walk-in refrigeration unit added by the renovation project; and

WHEREAS, although MED reduced the number of human remains stored at its facility, the continued use of offsite body storage services is necessary to avoid damages to the remains during a prolonged power outage; and

WHEREAS, MED expects a deficit in current expenses primarily due to the increase in the cost of offsite body storage services; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed \$170,000 from MED Investigation of Deaths salaries ("S") to MED Investigation of Deaths current expenses ("CE") for the fiscal year 2024 is required to maintain the operation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that \$170,000 in General Fund ("GN") monies be transferred between the following characters of expenditure:



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From	To	Amount	Fund
Department of the Medical Examiner, Investigation of Deaths (S)	Department of the Medical Examiner, Investigation of Deaths (CE)	\$170,000	(GN)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Medical Examiner and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers