

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND
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BILL NO. 35-0190

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 27, 2023

An Act to appropriate \$350,000 from the General Fund to provide bottled drinking water to persons residing in the areas identified by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority as most impacted by elevated levels of copper and lead in the potable water system and to include omitted appropriations and to make corrections to the budget items for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024

PROPOSED BY: Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Angel L. Bolques, Jr.,
Marvin A. Blyden, Dwayne M. DeGraff, Javan E. James, Sr., and
Donna A. Frett-Gregory
Co-sponsor: Samuel Carrión

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated the sum of \$350,000, in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the General Fund, 33 V.I.C. § 3087, as a grant to the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency to provide bottled drinking water to persons residing in the areas identified by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority as most impacted by elevated levels of copper and lead in the potable water system. The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency shall coordinate the water distribution with the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.

1 **SECTION 2.** Act No. 8750 is amended by inserting “Fund” after “Services” wherever
2 it appears.

3 **SECTION 3.** Act No. 8759, section 1, is amended as follows:

4 (1) In subsection C:

5 (A) By striking “PR/VI” wherever it appears and inserting “VI/PR” in its
6 place;

7 (B) By striking “\$50,000” after “VI/PR FRIENDSHIP DAY STX” and
8 inserting “\$60,000” in its place; and

9 (C) By striking “\$12,172,103” after “TOTAL ORG 200 OFFICE OF THE
10 GOVERNOR” and inserting “\$12,182,103” in its place.

11 (2) In subsection E by striking “CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM
12 - \$75,000” in the first instance it appears.

13 (3) In subsection G by striking “\$363,892” after “OTHER SERVICES AND
14 CHARGES” and inserting “\$636,892” in its place.

15 (4) In subsection J by striking “\$41,407” after “PERSONNEL SERVICES” and
16 inserting “\$841,407”.

17 (5) In subsection K by striking “\$251,851” after “FRINGE BENEFITS” and
18 inserting “\$251,857” in its place;

19 (6) In subsection P by striking “\$15,089,981” after “TOTAL ORG 370
20 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR” and inserting “\$13,471,406” in its place;

21 (7) In subsection R:

22 (A) By striking “\$25,000” after “OPEB PENSION FUND” and inserting
23 “\$45,000”; and

(B) By striking “\$14,465,405” after “TOTAL ORG 390 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE” and inserting “\$13,653,960” in its place.

(8) In subsection T:

(A) By striking “STX” after “POST” and inserting “STT”; and

(B) By striking “\$74,291,835” after “TOTAL ORG 500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT” and inserting “\$74,542,585” in its place.

(9) In subsection W by striking “CEMETRY” and inserting “CEMETERY” in its stead.

(10) In subsection AB by striking “\$650,339,702” after “SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND” and inserting “\$648,170,432” in its place.

(11) In subsection AC by striking “\$77,854,958” and inserting “\$77,852,958” in its place.

(12) C/CNTR AGENCY/MISC ORGANIZATION FY 2024 is amended as follows:

(A) By striking “DHS AMERICAN RED CROSS STT/STJ” and inserting “SPR VI BASEBALL FEDERATION”, and by striking “\$45,000” and inserting “\$35,000” in its place.

(B) By striking “DHS” before “SOFTBALL” in the line item “DHS SOFTBALL FEDERATION” and inserting and inserting “SPR” in its place;

(C) By striking “WORKSHIP” in the line item “OMB CITY OF REFUGE WORKSHIP CENTER VI” and inserting “WORSHIP” in its place;

(D) By striking “HUMANE SOCIETY” in the line item “DOA ST CROIX HUMANE SOCIETY SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM” and inserting “ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER” in its place;

(E) By striking “STX ANIMAL CARE CENTER” in the line item “DOA STX ANIMAL CARE CENTER” and inserting “ST. CROIX ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER”;

(F) By striking “ELEVATE WE” in the line item “DOE ELEVATE WE” and inserting “ELEVATEWI, INC.” in its place;

(G) By inserting a new line item that reads “DOH ST. THOMAS STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, INC. \$7,000” after “DOH NATIONAL ALLIANCE AND MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) \$25,000”;

(H) By inserting a new line item that reads “DSPR ST. THOMAS-ST. JOHN YOUTH SCHOLASTIC CHESS CLUB \$10,000” after “DSPR STT/STJ SWIMMING ASSOCIATION \$55,000”;

(I) By inserting a new line item that reads “DSPR USVI CHESS ASSOCIATION – ST. CROIX. \$7,000” after “DSPR STX SWIMMING ASSOCIATION”;

(J) By striking “\$6,360,250” in the line item that reads “SUB-TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONS” and inserting “\$6,358,250” in its place;

(K) By striking “\$77,854,958” in the line item that reads “TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SECTION” and inserting “\$77,852,958” in its place; and

(L) By striking \$79,410,524” in the line item that reads “GRAND TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLARSHIP – NL” and inserting “\$79,408,524” in its place;

(13) By striking “\$729,750,226”, in the line item that reads “GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND” and inserting in its place “\$727,578,956”.

SECTION 4. Act No. 8765 is amended in section 1 by striking “\$29,005,458” and inserting “\$27,805,458” in its place.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to provide bottled drinking water to persons residing in the areas identified by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority that are most impacted by elevated levels of copper and lead in the potable water system and includes omitted appropriations and makes corrections to various budget appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

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