### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Bernice Pauahi
- 2 Bishop Museum, officially designated as the State of Hawaii
- 3 Museum of Natural and Cultural History, is a distinguished
- 4 scientific, cultural, and educational institution of the State
- 5 whose mission is to perpetuate Hawaii's natural and cultural
- ${f 6}$  heritage. No other agency is tasked with the responsibility to
- 7 preserve and protect Hawaii's invaluable collections of primary
- 8 source material and over one hundred years of research across
- 9 the Pacific. The historic, fifteen-acre campus alone is the
- 10 repository of Hawaii's most important, extensive, and
- 11 irreplaceable treasures, from holotype specimens to royal family
- 12 heirlooms. These items provide residents and visitors with an
- 13 anchor to Hawaii's past, serve as a reminder to be present, and
- 14 provide a bridge to Hawaii's future.
- 15 The research and primary source material stewarded at
- 16 Bishop Museum is a global resource that is unique, essential,

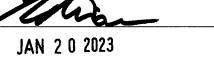
- 1 and necessary to address the current urgent challenges faced by
- 2 the State and its people, including massive biodiversity loss,
- 3 ecosystem collapse, and climate change and resilience.
- 4 The legislature further finds that Bishop Museum continues
- 5 to raise public and private funds and collaborates with federal
- 6 agencies and organizations, including the United States
- 7 Department of Agriculture, United States Department of
- 8 Transportation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service,
- 9 National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the
- 10 Humanities, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and
- 11 Institute of Museum and Library Services; state agencies,
- 12 including the department of land and natural resources,
- 13 department of health, department of agriculture, department of
- 14 education, and University of Hawaii; and county agencies and
- 15 organizations, including the Honolulu mayor's office of culture
- 16 and the arts, city and county of Honolulu office of climate
- 17 change, sustainability and resiliency, and royal Hawaiian band,
- 18 to generate new research and programs serving a wide array of
- 19 needs and interests.
- 20 Bishop Museum provides regular access to collections and
- 21 scientific expertise locally, nationally, and internationally.

- 1 In addition, Bishop Museum provides vital educational programs
- 2 and resources to Hawai'i's students and teachers; actively
- 3 supports the cultivation of sustainable, cultural, and
- 4 responsible tourism in Hawaii; contains source knowledge
- 5 utilized by cultural practitioners from Hawaii and across the
- 6 Pacific; supports families; provides a neutral and safe place to
- 7 discuss island-wide issues; and strengthens the community.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate federal funds to
- 9 sustain and support the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, officially
- 10 designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural
- 11 History.
- 12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the funds received
- 13 by the State of Hawaii from the federal Act, Public
- 14 Law , the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
- 15 necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much
- 16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to sustain
- 17 and support the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, officially
- 18 designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural
- 19 History.
- The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 21 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:





#### Report Title:

State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Appropriation

### Description:

Appropriates federal funds to sustain and support the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

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