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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM AT PEARL HARBOR.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Pacific Aviation  
2 Museum, established in 1999 at Pearl Harbor, is a not-for-profit  
3 entity designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3)  
4 tax-exempt organization. The purpose of the museum is to  
5 develop a portion of Ford island into a world-class aviation  
6 museum that will honor the patriotism, valor, and sacrifice made  
7 by aviators and their ground support personnel in the defense of  
8 freedom in the Pacific. The scope of the new museum will  
9 include information about World War II, the Korean war, the cold  
10 war, the Vietnam conflict, and current American air power. It  
11 will feature diorama exhibits, period and reproduction aircraft,  
12 an aviation education center, a flight simulation center, a  
13 theater, a museum store, a food service area, and a library.

14           To date, the museum has raised \$13,200,000 in federal,  
15 state, and private funds for phase one and \$1,800,000 for phase  
16 two of its development plans. In 2004, the legislature  
17 appropriated a \$1,000,000 grant-in-aid for phase one of the



1 museum. In 2006, the legislature appropriated \$500,000 of a  
2 requested \$2,000,000 for phase two of the museum. The museum  
3 opened to the public on December 7, 2006, after a construction  
4 phase lasting approximately nine months. The cost for  
5 restoration of hangar thirty-seven, interior improvements,  
6 exhibit fabrication, aircraft acquisition, and related expenses  
7 totaled approximately \$12,700,000. The museum has been widely  
8 acclaimed as an excellent addition to the USS Arizona, USS  
9 Missouri, and USS Bowfin memorials.

10 Additional state funds are necessary to provide the  
11 foundation for phase two of the museum to be housed in hangar  
12 seventy-nine on Ford island. Phase two implementation will  
13 include plans, design, and construction to improve and restore  
14 hangar seventy-nine, which comprises eighty-five thousand square  
15 feet. The current cost to complete phase two is estimated at  
16 \$33,000,000. Phase two exhibits will encompass the remaining  
17 campaigns of World War II, together with an introduction to the  
18 Korean war and the Vietnam conflict. The museum will complete  
19 its fundraising in Hawaii over the next six months and will then  
20 launch a national campaign to fund the balance of phase two  
21 development.



1 The legislature finds that the State's ongoing support is  
 2 extremely important in demonstrating to potential mainland  
 3 funding sources the State's strong backing of the expanded  
 4 museum. The legislature further finds that it is critical for  
 5 the State to appropriate the necessary funds to preserve  
 6 aviation history and honor those who fought for our freedom.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the  
 8 Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor to implement phase two  
 9 of the museum's development plans.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000, or so  
 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, as a  
 13 grant under Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to implement  
 14 phase two of the development of the Pacific Aviation Museum at  
 15 Pearl Harbor.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
 17 tourism authority, provided that funds expended shall be  
 18 restricted to the planning, designing, and construction of  
 19 museum facilities at hangar seventy-nine on Ford island.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the implementation of phase 2 of the Pacific Aviation Museum.

