A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MOOKINI HEIAU.

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

- SECTION 1. The one thousand five hundred-year-old Mookini
 Heiau, located in the north Kohala area of the island of Hawaii,
 was once used by kings to pray and offer human sacrifices and is
- $oldsymbol{4}$ Hawaii's oldest, largest, and most sacred religious site and
- 5 also a national historic landmark. The massive three-story
- $\mathbf{6}$ stone temple, dedicated to Ku, the Hawaiian god of war, was
- 7 erected in A.D. 480. Each stone is said to have been passed
- 8 hand-to-hand from Pololu Valley, fourteen miles away, by
- 9 eighteen thousand men who worked from sunset to sunrise. King
- 10 Kamehameha is said to have been born nearby in 1758 and sought
- 11 spiritual guidance at Mookini Heiau before embarking on his
- 12 campaign to unite Hawaii.
- 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
- 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to install
- 16 a full sprinkler system to cover the grassy area of the Mookini
- 17 Heiau, and the nearby Kamehameha birthsite, that are used for
- 18 education and cultural practices.



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- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Kirk Caldwell

Report Title:

Mookini Heiau; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$150,000 to install a full sprinkler system to cover the grassy area of the Mookini Heiau, and the nearby Kamehameha birthsite, that are used for education and cultural practices.