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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Iolani Palace is a  
2 historic treasure, officially recognized by the State of Hawaii.

3           Built by King David Kalakaua in 1882, the palace served as  
4 the official royal residence until the overthrow of the monarchy  
5 in 1893. Following the overthrow, Iolani Palace was confiscated  
6 by the provisional government and used as its headquarters. It  
7 subsequently became the capitol of the Republic of Hawaii in  
8 1894, the Territory of Hawaii in 1900, and the State of Hawaii  
9 in 1959.

10           In 1966, Liliuokalani Kawananaokoa Morris founded the  
11 "Friends of Iolani Palace," a community-based, non-profit  
12 organization dedicated to carrying out the restoration of the  
13 palace and the preservation of the history of the Hawaiian  
14 monarchy. When the new state capitol was completed in 1969, the  
15 palace was vacated, and restoration began. In 1978, the palace  
16 reopened to the public as a historic house museum with docent-  
17 led guided tours.



1           The legislature further recognizes that the Friends of  
2 Iolani Palace has served as the "de facto" caretaker for over  
3 forty years by maintaining Hawaii's most significant historic  
4 house museum, preserving its irreplaceable collections; and  
5 planning and presenting its exhibits and educational programs  
6 without the benefit of regular, predictable support from state  
7 sources, and, instead, relying on private donations and small,  
8 piecemeal state subsidies. It is the intent of this Act to  
9 provide support for the palace by officially designating Iolani  
10 Palace as the "State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History" and  
11 exempting the museum from the standards and conditions related  
12 to the receipt of funds under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised  
13 Statutes.

14           The legislature finds that the Friends of Iolani Palace  
15 provides an important public service in maintaining this  
16 significant building. The legislature further finds that the  
17 Friends of Iolani Palace deserves the financial support of the  
18 legislature through an unspecified appropriation in the state  
19 budget.

20           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 21           (1) Designate the Friends of Iolani Palace as the State of  
22           Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History;



1 (2) Exempt the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History  
2 from the standards and conditions related to the  
3 receipt of funds contained in chapter 42F, Hawaii  
4 Revised Statutes;

5 (3) Authorize the comptroller and state auditor to examine  
6 the use of funds appropriated to the State of Hawaii  
7 Museum of Monarchy History; and

8 (4) Require the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History  
9 to submit annual reports to the legislature of  
10 functions accomplished by state fund expenditures.

11 SECTION 2. Section 6E-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "~~+~~§6E-35~~+~~ **Iolani Palace.** (a) The official  
14 designation of the palace of the former monarchs of Hawaii shall  
15 be Iolani Palace.

16 (b) The official designation of the Friends of Iolani  
17 Palace shall be the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History.  
18 The qualifying standards and conditions related to the receipt  
19 of funds under chapter 42F shall not apply to funds received by  
20 the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History; provided that if  
21 the museum contracts with a recipient or provider, then the  
22 qualifying standards, conditions, and other provisions of



1 chapter 42F shall apply to the recipient or provider and the  
2 contract.

3 (c) The comptroller and state auditor shall have the  
4 authority to examine the use of funds appropriated to the State  
5 of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History."

6 SECTION 3. The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History  
7 shall provide to the legislature an annual report no later than  
8 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,  
9 which shall include an explanation of the facility maintenance  
10 and other functions accomplished by state fund expenditures in  
11 the previous fiscal year.

12 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval.



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**Report Title:**

Iolani Palace

**Description:**

Designates the Friends of Iolani Palace as the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. Exempts the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History from the standards and conditions related to the receipt of funds contained in chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. (CD1)

