A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are many

2 structures in Hawaii that reflect its unique cultural heritage,

3 and that hold historical significance. The legislature also

4 finds that there is significant value in preserving and

5 perpetuating these structures, which reflect Hawaii's cultural,

6 artistic, architectural, and historic heritage.

7 Heritage tourism is a fast-growing niche of the tourism

8 industry. Heritage preservation serves to protect and enhance

9 the state's attractiveness to visitors. It also serves to

10 increase the tax base and property values, as well as generate

additional sales of good and services, thus creating new jobs

12 and benefiting the state economy.

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13 The legislature finds that, to date, funding for historic

14 preservation has been insufficient. To address the insufficient

15 funding for historic preservation, this Act deposits funds into

16 the Hawaii historic preservation special fund. The funds are

17 intended for preservation services in Hawaii, with the majority

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- 1 going to direct grant awards to Hawaii-based non-profits and
- 2 governmental organizations that are dedicated to preservation
- 3 services.
- 4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 5 Hawaii historic preservation special fund; provided that the
- 6 appropriated amounts shall be matched by an equal amount of
- 7 private contributions to the Hawaii historic preservation
- 8 special fund.
- 9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
- 11 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the funding of
- 12 the Hawaii historic preservation special fund; provided that no
- 13 moneys shall be released until the amount appropriated in this
- 14 section is matched by an equal amount of private contributions
- 15 to the Hawaii historic preservation special fund.
- 16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 17 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.
- 18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

Report Title:

Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the purpose of funding the Hawaii historic preservation special fund. Prohibits release of funds until the appropriated funds are matched by private contributions. (HB3348 SD2)