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

14           To date, the museum raised \$13,200,000 in federal, state,  
15 and private funds for phase 1 and \$1,800,000 for phase 2. The  
16 2004 legislature appropriated a \$1,000,000 grant-in-aid for  
17 phase 1 of the museum and the 2006 legislature appropriated



1 \$500,000 of a requested \$2,000,000 for phase 2 of the museum.

2 The museum opened to the public on December 7, 2006, after  
3 a construction phase of approximately nine months. The cost for  
4 restoration of hangar 37, interior improvements, exhibit  
5 fabrication, aircraft acquisition, and related expenses totaled  
6 approximately \$12,700,000. The museum has been widely acclaimed  
7 as an excellent addition to the USS Arizona, USS Missouri, and  
8 USS Bowfin memorials.

9 Additional state funds are necessary to provide the  
10 foundation for phase 2 of the museum to be housed in hangar 79  
11 on Ford island. Phase 2 development will include the planning,  
12 designing, and construction to improve and restore hangar 79,  
13 which comprises 85,000 square feet. The current cost to  
14 complete phase 2 is estimated at \$33,000,000. Phase 2 exhibits  
15 will encompass the remaining campaigns of World War II, together  
16 with an introduction to the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict.  
17 The museum will complete its fundraising in Hawaii over the next  
18 six months and will then launch a national campaign to fund the  
19 balance of phase 2. The State's ongoing support is extremely  
20 important in demonstrating to potential mainland funding sources  
21 the State's strong backing of the expanded museum.



1           It is essential that the State appropriate the crucial  
2 funds to preserve aviation history and honor those who fought  
3 for our freedom.

4           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to Pacific  
5 aviation museum Pearl Harbor for phase 2 of the museum's  
6 development.

7           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000, or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for  
10 planning, design, and construction of museum facilities at  
11 hanger 79 at Ford island.

12           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
13 tourism authority for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: Norman Sakemoto

**Report Title:**

Pacific Aviation Museum; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for phase 2 development of the Pacific aviation museum.

