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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 1997, the Native
- 2 Hawaiian Hospitality Association (NaHHA) was founded by George
- 3 S. Kanahele, Kenneth Brown, and other native Hawaiian
- 4 professionals to address concerns about how native Hawaiians and
- 5 Hawaiian culture were perceived and represented in tourism.
- 6 Since that time, NaHHA, a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit, has
- 7 advocated for the development and advancement of native
- Hawaiians in tourism as an investment in Hawaii's future leaders 8
- 9 and in the perpetuation of authentic culture in the tourism
- 10 industry.
- 11 NaHHA promotes Hawaiian culture in the tourism industry
- 12 through consulting and educating, developing and implementing
- 13 effective communication tools, conducting research, and
- 14 providing project support and coordination. In doing so, NaHHA
- 15 has formed alliances with various Hawaiian organizations and
- 16 nonprofits, artists and cultural practitioners, and with tourism
- 17 associations, hotels, and private businesses. These alliances



- 1 have gained NaHHA recognition as the lead private sector
- 2 organization for the Hawaii tourism authority's Hawaiian culture
- 3 objectives of the Hawaii Tourism Strategic Plan: 2005-2015.
- 4 In keeping with this mission, NaHHA completed a two-year
- 5 train-the-trainer program for twenty-one Hawaiians to provide
- 6 cultural training and consultation. NaHHA's "Ola Hawai'i,
- 7 Hawai'i Lives" graduates now offer cultural education for
- 8 managers and employees and consultation in cultural competency
- 9 in the workplace.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds as a grant
- 11 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Native
- 12 Hawaiian Hospitality Association for its tourism-related
- 13 programs.
- 14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a
- 17 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
- 18 Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association for its tourism-related
- 19 programs.
- The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
- 21 tourism authority for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Description:

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