
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KAHILU THEATRE IN WAIMEA, HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. Responsive to cultural needs of the community,
2 the Kahilu theatre provides a home for the presentation,
3 support, education, and promotion of the performing arts. The
4 Kahilu theatre has thrived in its three decades, evolving
5 artistically, growing gracefully, and enriching the Big Island
6 community through more than four hundred fifty performances by
7 artists - both big names and small - from all corners of the
8 globe. Dance troupes, play productions, symphony orchestras,
9 chamber quartets, acrobats, jugglers, taiko drummers, jazz
10 bands, ballet dancers, comedians, pianists, guitarists, Hawaiian
11 musicians, opera companies, singers, and performance artists of
12 every description have graced the Kahilu theatre stage since
13 1981.

14 In 2001, the Kahilu theatre became completely dependent on
15 funding sources outside of Parker Ranch and the legacy of
16 Richard Smart, the former owner of the theatre. The Kahilu
17 Theatre Foundation was also established and worked toward
18 securing a thirty-year lease to operate the theatre. The Kahilu



1 theatre has undergone a major revitalization coordinated by a
2 committed board and dynamic managing director. The artistic
3 programming during the past ten years has been ambitiously
4 revamped to reflect the interests and needs of the community:
5 the season's shows now reflect a tremendous diversity of
6 international talent, creativity, imagination, and performing
7 art. The Kahilu theatre has also reached out to a greatly
8 expanded youth audience, presenting performances for children at
9 the theatre and having its visiting artists tour to area
10 schools. Year round and summer youth programs and opportunities
11 have likewise been greatly augmented.

12 The Kahilu Theatre Foundation board of directors has worked
13 hard to develop support for the theatre through grants, friends'
14 donations, fundraising events, and show sponsorships to support
15 seventy per cent of the Kahilu's annual \$1,000,000 operating
16 budget. The existence of the theatre is reliant upon the
17 continued generosity and commitment from its community.

18 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to The
19 Kahilu Theatre Foundation to augment its operating budget.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 as a



1 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to The
2 Kahilu Theatre Foundation for the Kahilu theatre in Waimea,
3 Hawaii, to augment its operating budget.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state
5 foundation on culture and the arts.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Kahilu Theatre; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation for operating expenses of the Kahilu theatre in Waimea, Hawaii, in the form of a grant from the state foundation on culture and the arts. (SD1)

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