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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KAMEHAMEHA STATUES.

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

1           SECTION 1. In 1878, the legislature of the Kingdom of  
2 Hawaii commissioned a sculpture of King Kamehameha the Great,  
3 which was fashioned and cast in Italy and France.  
4 Unfortunately, the statue was lost at sea when the ship  
5 transporting it to Hawaii sank. A second statue was then  
6 commissioned, cast, and delivered to Hawaii. In 1882, the  
7 original statue that was thought lost at sea was unexpectedly  
8 salvaged and brought to Hawaii by a British captain. The  
9 original statue presently stands in Kapaau in North Kohala on  
10 the island of Hawaii, the birthplace of King Kamehameha the  
11 Great, and the replica statue stands in Honolulu in front of  
12 Aliiolani Hale, which served as the Kingdom of Hawaii's primary  
13 government office building.

14           Due to the age of the statues and the damage that the  
15 original statue sustained while submerged in the ocean, painting  
16 and other maintenance of the statues have been essential to  
17 maintain the statues over the last century. Under the guidance



1 of professional sculptors, the statues are repainted every seven  
2 to ten years. In addition, due to the State's climate, the  
3 statues are affected by "bronze disease", a form of rapid  
4 corrosion induced by chlorides that come from the salt water of  
5 the ocean that can be very destructive if left untreated.  
6 Bronze disease not only causes the paint on the statues to  
7 deteriorate, but also causes cracks in the structure of the  
8 statues themselves. It is important that the statues receive  
9 proper care in order to ensure that the statues are preserved  
10 for our community, visitors, and future generations to enjoy.

11 The legislature finds that, although the replica statue in  
12 Honolulu stands on state property and is already under the care  
13 of the State, the original King Kamehameha I statue in Kapaau  
14 stands on county land and is not actively maintained by either  
15 the State or the county of Hawaii. Fortunately, the North  
16 Kohala community has annually raised funds to maintain the  
17 statue. The legislature recognizes the efforts of the North  
18 Kohala community, but believes that maintenance of the statue is  
19 a matter of statewide concern and that it is appropriate that  
20 the North Kohala statue be maintained by the State. The statue



1 in North Kohala was legislatively commissioned, and is thus the  
2 property of the State.

3 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
4 accounting and general services to maintain, preserve, and  
5 protect both statues of King Kamehameha I.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
7 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
8 designated and to read as follows:

9 "§6E- King Kamehameha I statues. The department of  
10 accounting and general services shall maintain, preserve, and  
11 protect the King Kamehameha I statue located in Kapaau in North  
12 Kohala and the statue located at Aliiolani Hale in Honolulu."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2018-2019 for the maintenance, preservation, and protection of  
18 the King Kamehameha I statues located in Kapaau in North Kohala  
19 and Aliiolani Hale in Honolulu.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
21 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Historic Preservation; King Kamehameha the Great; Statues;  
Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires DAGS to maintain, preserve, and protect the statue of King Kamehameha the Great located in Kapaau, as well as its replica in Honolulu. Makes appropriations.

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