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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BERNICE PAUHI BISHOP MUSEUM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Bernice Pauahi  
2 Bishop Museum, officially designated as the State of Hawaii  
3 Museum of Natural and Cultural History, is the world's premier  
4 resource for Hawaiian and Pacific materials and houses the  
5 world's largest collection of Hawaiian and oceanic cultural  
6 artifacts and over twenty-two million biological specimens from  
7 Hawaii and the Pacific.

8           The State has supported the museum's mission and  
9 operational activities through annual appropriations of general  
10 revenues, but these appropriations have decreased significantly  
11 over the preceding decade.

12           The legislature finds that restoring the State's allocation  
13 to the museum is critical to ensure that the museum's  
14 collections are properly preserved, protected, and maintained,  
15 and that essential cultural and historical services are provided  
16 to the State.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and  
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2022-2023 for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, officially  
6 designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural  
7 History, to support the museum, including the hiring of  
8 necessary staff; provided that any funds appropriated pursuant  
9 to this section shall be in addition to and shall not supplant  
10 any portion of the base budget of the department of budget and  
11 finance for the museum.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. Beginning with the 2025-2026 fiscal year and  
15 each fiscal year thereafter, the director of budget and finance  
16 shall include in its annual budget request line-item funding for  
17 the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, officially designated as the  
18 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2065.



**Report Title:**

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Positions; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to support the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, including the hiring of necessary staff. Effective 7/1/2065.  
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