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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

**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 a distinguished  
4 scientific, cultural, and educational institution for the State  
5 of Hawaii, whose mission is to perpetuate Hawaii's natural and  
6 cultural heritage. No other agency is tasked with the  
7 responsibility to preserve and protect Hawaii's invaluable  
8 collections of primary source material and over one hundred  
9 years of research across the Pacific region. The fifteen-acre  
10 historic campus alone is the repository of Hawaii's most  
11 important, extensive, and irreplaceable treasures – from  
12 holotype specimens to royal family heirlooms – that anchor us to  
13 our past, remind us to be present, and provide us with  
14 information to chart our future.

15           The research and primary source material stewarded at the  
16 museum is a global resource that is unique, essential, and



1 necessary to address current challenges, including massive  
2 biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse, climate change, and  
3 climate resilience.

4       The museum continues to raise both public and private funds  
5 and collaborate with federal, state, and county agencies and  
6 organizations to generate new research and programs serving a  
7 wide array of needs and interests. The museum provides regular  
8 collections access and scientific expertise locally, nationally,  
9 and internationally; provides vital educational programs and  
10 resources to Hawaii's students and teachers; actively supports  
11 the cultivation of sustainable, cultural, and responsible  
12 tourism in Hawaii; contains source knowledge utilized by  
13 cultural practitioners from Hawaii and across the Pacific  
14 region; and supports families and strengthens the community by  
15 providing a neutral and safe place to discuss island-wide  
16 issues.

17       The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support  
18 the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

19       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the funds received  
20 by the State of Hawaii from the American Rescue Plan Act  
21 of 2021, Public Law 117-2, the sum of \$                    or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 to support  
2 the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, officially designated as the  
3 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
5 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History from the funds received by the State from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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