
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ARCHIVES.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state archives contains records and primary source documents relating to the rich culture and history of Hawaii and Native Hawaiians. As the State's largest memory institution, the state archives is open to the public and offers various services, including responding to requests from other government agencies. While developments in technology reduced the need for certain positions in the archives division, the mission and services of the state archives have not changed, and the need for staff has grown due to a backlog of transferred and acquired materials and an increase in public contact.

Therefore, the purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for additional staff positions in the state archives to assist with its mission and increase public access to historical documents and artifacts.



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 2022-2023 for
4 the establishment of staff positions in the Hawaii state
5 archives as follows:

- 6 (1) One assistant Hawaiian language specialist position;
- 7 (2) Two processing and acquisitions archivist positions;
- 8 (3) One audio-visual archivist position;
- 9 (4) One objects curator position;
- 10 (5) One acquisitions position;
- 11 (6) One registration and public services position;
- 12 (7) Two assistant digital specialist positions; and
- 13 (8) One security guard position.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 accounting and general services for the purposes of this part.

16 PART II

17 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the original state
18 archives building, known as the Kanaina building, was built in
19 1905 on the Iolani Palace grounds within the Hawaii capital
20 historic district to house the public archives of Hawaii. After
21 many years of collecting the most important records and



1 artifacts from the Hawaiian kingdom through statehood, the state
2 archives eventually outgrew the Kanaina building and in 1952, a
3 new building adjacent to the Kanaina building was constructed as
4 the new home of the state archives and named after Kekauluohi.

5 The legislature further finds that there exists a need to
6 promote citizen engagement in the documentary and tangible
7 artifact heritage of the government, provide greater education
8 of the history of Hawaii's governments and its people, and
9 assist the people of Hawaii in connecting with their personal
10 history, as well as the history of Hawaii, for the state
11 archives to fulfill its role as the keeper of the public memory.

12 There also exists a need to have dedicated exhibition space
13 to highlight the many historic records and artifacts preserved
14 in the public archives that document the vibrant and diverse
15 history of Hawaii, its public institutions, and its people.

16 The purpose of this part is to provide funding for the
17 construction of an additional building to address the current
18 and future facilities needs of the state archives.

19 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
20 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof



1 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2022-2023
2 for the purpose of financing the construction of an additional
3 building for the state archives to expand and create new spaces
4 for collections processing, storage, administrative use, public
5 research, exhibitions, listening, learning, and community
6 engagement.

7 SECTION 5. The sum appropriated for the capital
8 improvement project set forth in section 4 shall be expended by
9 the department of accounting and general services for the
10 purposes of this part.

11 SECTION 6. The appropriation made for the capital
12 improvement project authorized by this part shall not lapse at
13 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
14 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
15 unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

16 PART III

17 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

State Archives; Staff Positions; Capital Improvement Project;
Records Inventory; Transfer Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish staff positions in the Hawaii state archives. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the construction of an additional building for state archives. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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