
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The departments and agencies listed in section
2 2 of this Act shall provide grants to federal tax-exempt non-
3 profit organizations that have previously received government
4 assistance to support their organizational mission and also
5 possess at least twenty years of providing assistance and
6 support to Native Hawaiian communities.

7 The grants shall be tailored toward improving Native
8 Hawaiian communities and culture through various assistance
9 programs, including but not limited to programs that offer food
10 sustainability; development of renewable infrastructure; Native
11 Hawaiian historic preservation; development of a mill to process
12 ulu and taro; business training, entrepreneurship, and
13 mentoring; farming; education; cultural training; and
14 environmental management.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,700,000 or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to be



1 allocated to the following departments and agencies and used for
2 grants pursuant to section 1 of this Act for the following
3 programs:

4 (1) The department of agriculture:

5 (A) The sum of \$690,000; provided that the sum is
6 used to expand infrastructure, increase food
7 production, and develop the economic stability of
8 loko i'a statewide through hatchery and solar
9 power programs;

10 (B) The sum of \$100,000; provided that the sum is
11 used for a statewide kalo farming needs
12 assessment; and

13 (C) The sum of \$10,000,000; provided that the sum is
14 used for the development of a mill to process ulu
15 and taro;

16 (2) The department of business, economic development, and
17 tourism:

18 (A) The sum of \$500,000; provided that the sum is
19 used for the Pop-up Makeke virtual marketplace
20 that supports local artisans and businesses to
21 adapt to e-commerce;



- 1 (B) The sum of \$250,000; provided that the sum is
- 2 used for a West Oahu Innovation Center that is a
- 3 physical co-working space and an entrepreneur and
- 4 resource center that provides workshops,
- 5 counseling, loan assistance, and broadband
- 6 access;
- 7 (C) The sum of \$200,000; provided that the sum is
- 8 used for culture training programs with military
- 9 personnel, small businesses, and nonprofit
- 10 organization; and
- 11 (D) The sum of \$2,500,000; provided that the sum is
- 12 used for community-based tourism management,
- 13 including tourism impacts on the natural and
- 14 cultural resources of local communities;
- 15 (3) The department of labor and industrial relations the
- 16 sum of \$920,000; provided that the sum is used for
- 17 staffing, cohorts, and software needs of the Hawaiian
- 18 trades academy and Kuhana small business program that
- 19 prepares individuals and businesses for economic
- 20 success and self-sufficiency; and
- 21 (4) The department of land and natural resources:



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1 (A) The sum of \$330,000; provided that the sum is
2 used for the repatriation and reburials of Native
3 Hawaiians nationally and internationally; and

4 (B) The sum of \$210,000; provided that the sum is
5 used for Iolani Palace operations, maintenance,
6 and repairs.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
8 or agency listed above for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Grants; Native Hawaiian Communities; Appropriation

Description:

Requires certain departments and agencies to provide grants to tax-exempt non-profit organizations that have experience and expertise in supporting and advancing Native Hawaiian communities.

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