
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 Pauhi
2 Bishop Museum (Bishop Museum), designated in section 6E-40,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, as the State of Hawaii Museum of
4 Natural and Cultural History, is a distinguished scientific,
5 cultural, and educational institution for the State of Hawaii
6 whose mission is to perpetuate Hawaii's natural and cultural
7 heritage. No other state agency is tasked with the
8 responsibility of preserving and protecting the State's
9 invaluable collection of primary source material and over one
10 hundred years of research across the pacific. The fifteen-acre
11 historic campus alone is the repository of Hawaii's most
12 important, extensive, and irreplaceable treasures, from holotype
13 specimens to royal family heirlooms. These artifacts provide
14 the residents and visitors with an anchor to Hawaii's past while
15 also providing a bridge to Hawaii's future.

16 The research and primary source material stewarded at
17 Bishop Museum is a global resource that is unique, essential,



1 and necessary to address the challenges the State and its people
2 face, from massive biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapses, and
3 climate change.

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

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds received by
17 the State of Hawaii from the _____, Public Law _____ to
18 support the Bishop Museum.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the funds received
20 by the State of Hawaii from the _____, Public Law _____ the
21 sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for



1 fiscal year 2020-2021 and the same sum or so much thereof as may
2 be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 to sustain and support
3 the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the State of
5 Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History for the purposes
6 of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2065.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Appropriates federal funds to support the work of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Effective 7/1/2065. (HD1)

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