
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE ARCHIVES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus
2 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has greatly disrupted the
3 public's interest in traveling and ability to travel, resulting
4 in reduced public access to historical and documentary heritage
5 records. The legislature further finds that the COVID-19
6 pandemic led to a substantial breakdown in the public's ability
7 to conduct research during limited hours of government
8 operations. The legislature believes that external conditions,
9 including pandemics, should not impede anyone's ability to
10 access public records of enduring value. The legislature
11 recognizes that these impediments to access demonstrate the need
12 to place more of Hawaii's unique and irreplaceable documentary
13 heritage records, historic photographic collections, Hawaiian
14 phonographic music, and audio-video collections online for
15 unrestricted public access at all times and from anywhere in the
16 world. With a vast majority of the most important records of
17 Hawaii's history existing only in paper, phonographic,



1 photographic, audio-video, and related media formats, it is in
2 the public interest to digitize these historic documents,
3 phonographic, photographic, and audio-video media collections to
4 make them accessible through online access.

5 The legislature acknowledges that converting fragile paper
6 documents, photographs, and phonographic and audio-video records
7 into digital formats is a highly technical, time intensive
8 process. However, once this process is completed, the benefits
9 that will be provided to the public are numerous, including
10 increased access to, and transparency in, the government and a
11 restoration of trust in government.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish
13 additional funding sources for, and authorize additional
14 expenditures of moneys in, the state archives preservation and
15 long-term access special fund.

16 SECTION 2. Section 94-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "[+]§94-8[+] **State archives preservation and long-term**
19 **access special fund; state archives preservation fee.** (a)

20 There shall be established in the state treasury the state
21 archives preservation and long-term access special fund for the



1 preservation of and long-term access to government records[-]
2 and photographic, phonographic, and audio-video records and
3 collections that have a unique historical value or are related
4 to Hawaii's diverse ethnic and indigenous cultures, or both.

5 (b) [All] The following shall be deposited into the state
6 archives preservation and long-term access special fund:

7 (1) All revenues collected from fees for services provided
8 by the state archives [~~shall be deposited in the state~~
9 ~~archives preservation and long-term access special~~
10 ~~fund and];~~

11 (2) Legislative appropriations for special archival
12 projects of unique historic value;

13 (3) Federal grant moneys for ethnomusicology and
14 indigenous culture;

15 (4) Private grant moneys and donations; and

16 (5) All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited
17 into the state archives preservation and long-term
18 access special fund.

19 (c) Moneys in the state archives preservation and
20 long-term access special fund may be expended by the comptroller
21 to carry out the purposes of this section, including funding for



1 staff positions and for administrative and operational costs of
2 the program. [~~All interest earned or accrued on moneys~~
3 ~~deposited in the fund shall become part of the fund.~~

4 (e)] (d) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, a
5 state archives preservation fee of \$1 shall be assessed for each
6 document that is filed or registered by members of the public
7 with a governmental entity and listed on an authorized records
8 retention and disposition schedule as permanent. The
9 preservation fee shall be collected and deposited in the state
10 archives preservation and long-term access special fund and used
11 to preserve and keep accessible electronic records of [~~such~~] the
12 documents in a usable state for the good of the public."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2024-2025 to be deposited into the state archives
18 preservation and long-term access special fund.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the state archives
20 preservation and long-term access special fund the sum of
21 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
2 necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the preservation of and
3 long-term access to government records.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
5 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Department of Accounting and General Services; State Archives
Preservation and Long-term Access Special Fund; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes additional funding sources for, and authorizes
additional expenditures of moneys in, the state archives
preservation and long-term access special fund. Appropriates
moneys.

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