
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that native Hawaiian
2 culture is the foundation of all aspects of life in Hawaii.
3 This culture influences Hawaii's government, businesses, tourism
4 industry, families, and individuals. The legislature recognizes
5 that despite the prevalence of this cultural foundation, there
6 are no public spaces dedicated to the practice and perpetuation
7 of Hawaiian culture.

8 The legislature believes that Hawaiian cultural centers may
9 serve as places where residents and visitors may learn about
10 Hawaiian culture, history, tradition, and practices.

11 The purpose of this Act is to:

12 (1) Require the office of Hawaiian affairs to establish
13 and maintain no fewer than Hawaiian cultural
14 centers within the State;

15 (2) Require the office of Hawaiian affairs to submit
16 reports to the legislature regarding the office's
17 compliance with this Act; and



1 SECTION 3. No later than twenty days prior to the
2 convening of the regular sessions of 2024 and 2026, the board of
3 trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall submit to the
4 legislature reports that include:

- 5 (1) The status of the office's compliance with this Act;
- 6 (2) The estimated costs of the planning, design, and
7 construction of Hawaiian cultural centers;
- 8 (3) Any proposed legislation; and
- 9 (4) Any other relevant information.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2024-2025 for the planning and design of one Hawaiian cultural
15 center.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
17 Hawaiian affairs for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Description:

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