

JAN 25 2023

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
3 nonprofit organizations to support their organizational mission.

4 The grants shall be tailored toward improving Native
5 Hawaiian communities and culture through various assistance
6 programs, including but not limited to programs that offer
7 Native Hawaiian historic preservation, business training,
8 entrepreneurship, and mentoring.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2024-2025 to be allocated to the following departments and
14 agencies and used for grants pursuant to section 1 of this Act
15 for the following programs:

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



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1 (A) The sum of \$2,000,000; provided that the sum
2 shall be used for a virtual marketplace that
3 supports local artisans and businesses to adapt
4 to e-commerce; and

5 (B) The sum of \$1,000,000; provided that the sum
6 shall be used for a physical co-working space and
7 an innovation, entrepreneur, and resource center
8 that provides workshops, counseling, loan
9 assistance, and broadband access; and

10 (2) The department of land and natural resources, the sum
11 of \$1,000,000; provided that the sum shall be used for
12 the repatriation and reburials of Native Hawaiians
13 nationally and internationally.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 1609

Report Title:

Grants; Native Hawaiian Communities; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for certain departments and agencies to provide grants to tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that have experience and expertise in supporting and advancing Native Hawaiian communities.

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