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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVANCING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that civic engagement  
2 provides an opportunity for residents to become involved with  
3 improving their local communities and neighborhoods. In 2021,  
4 the supreme court enacted Rule 23 to establish the commission to  
5 promote and advance civic education (PACE commission). One of  
6 the main functions of the PACE commission is to provide  
7 leadership, oversight, and initiatives to increase civic  
8 education in the community and at schools, increase citizens'  
9 knowledge about government, and promote informed participation  
10 in government and democracy in the State.

11           The legislature further finds that the public access room,  
12 an office under the legislative reference bureau, provides the  
13 public with information, equipment, facilities, and services to  
14 assist in research activities, educational outreach, and public  
15 engagement related to work with the legislature. The  
16 legislature additionally finds that the public access room is  
17 well-positioned to further civic engagement between the





1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 2024-2025 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
4 position within the public access room.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the legislative  
6 reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 749

**Report Title:**

Legislative Reference Bureau; Public Access Room; Educational Outreach and Engagement Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Public Access Room to establish and maintain an outreach and engagement program for primary, secondary, post-secondary, and community education and appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to assist in effectuating this requirement.

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