
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A STATE HOTEL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a hotel owned,
2 operated, and managed by the State has the potential to offer
3 numerous benefits for the people and economy of Hawaii. For
4 instance, a state hotel could create workforce development
5 opportunities for local residents and better allow the State to
6 promote regenerative tourism for visitors.

7 The legislature further finds that a state hotel could also
8 support local students' career development through hospitality,
9 regenerative tourism practices, sustainable development, and
10 business management programs. By providing local students
11 valuable opportunities to gain professional experience in one of
12 Hawaii's leading industries, there may be less of a need to
13 search outside the State to recruit upper-level management and
14 top leadership in the tourism industry.

15 The legislature also finds that a state hotel could
16 accommodate visitors and guests to university of Hawaii
17 campuses, improve the recruitment of students to the university



1 of Hawaii, and help generate additional revenue for the
2 university of Hawaii system. Moreover, there is also the
3 potential for state hotels to eventually expand to more islands
4 in the State.

5 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require the Hawaii
6 tourism authority and school of travel industry management at
7 the university of Hawaii at Manoa to collaborate to actively
8 plan for the design, construction, and operations and management
9 of a state hotel.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii tourism authority and school of
11 travel industry management at the university of Hawaii at Manoa
12 shall collaborate to actively plan for the design, construction,
13 and operations and management of a state hotel.

14 (b) The state hotel shall be jointly managed by the Hawaii
15 tourism authority and school of travel industry management at
16 the university of Hawaii at Manoa.

17 (c) The state hotel may employ members of labor unions and
18 students enrolled at the university of Hawaii.

19 (d) At least twenty days prior to the convening of the
20 regular sessions of 2026, 2027, and 2028, the Hawaii tourism
21 authority and school of travel industry management at the



1 university of Hawaii at Manoa shall submit a report to the
2 legislature regarding the progress of their plans for the
3 design, construction, and operations and management of a state
4 hotel.

5 (e) As used in this Act, "state hotel" means a hotel
6 owned, operated, and managed by the State.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2026-2027 for the Hawaii tourism authority, in
12 collaboration with the school of travel industry management at
13 the university of Hawaii at Manoa, to actively plan for the
14 design, construction, and operations and management of a state
15 hotel, including but not limited to searching for a location and
16 developing a design for the state hotel.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
18 tourism authority for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2026-2027 for the school of travel industry management at
3 the university of Hawaii at Manoa, in collaboration with the
4 Hawaii tourism authority, to actively plan for the design,
5 construction, and operations and management of a state hotel,
6 including but not limited to searching for a location and
7 developing a design for the state hotel.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
9 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
11 provided that sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall take effect on
12 July 1, 2025.

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Description:

Requires the Hawaii Tourism Authority and School of Travel Industry Management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to collaborate to actively plan for the design, construction, and operations and management of a state hotel. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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