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# 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 jointly perform a study  
8 regarding the design, construction or purchase, and operations  
9 and management 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 jointly perform a study regarding the design, construction  
13 or purchase, and operations and management of a state hotel,  
14 including:

15 (1) Consideration of the staffing and financial resources  
16 required to own, operate, and manage a state hotel;

17 and

18 (2) Consideration of whether it is more cost-effective and  
19 feasible to construct a new hotel or purchase an  
20 existing hotel.



1 (b) The Hawaii tourism authority and school of travel  
2 industry management at the university of Hawaii at Manoa shall  
3 submit the study required in subsection (a) to the legislature  
4 no later than twenty days before the convening of the regular  
5 session of 2027.

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

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
12 year 2026-2027 for the Hawaii tourism authority to jointly  
13 perform a study with the school of travel industry management at  
14 the university of Hawaii at Manoa regarding the design,  
15 construction or purchase, and operations and management of a  
16 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 to jointly perform a study  
4 with the Hawaii tourism authority regarding the design,  
5 construction or purchase, and operations and management of a  
6 state hotel.

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

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000;  
10 provided that sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall take effect on  
11 July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

State Hotel; Study; Hawaii Tourism Authority; School of Travel Industry Management; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii Tourism Authority and School of Travel Industry Management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to jointly perform a study regarding the design, construction or purchase, and operations and management of a state hotel. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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