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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KĀNEHILI COMMUNITY HALE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Kānehili  
2 homestead community has initiated the development of a  
3 multi-phase community complex that will include a community  
4 hale, a lanai, an imu station, a craft hale, and a multi-sport  
5 court for pickleball, basketball, and volleyball. This facility  
6 is designed to support the Kānehili homestead community's  
7 cultural, educational, and recreational needs, empowering  
8 residents, and fostering a stronger sense of community cohesion.

9           The legislature further finds that the community hale will  
10 serve as a cornerstone of this complex, providing a dedicated  
11 space to practice and celebrate Hawaiian culture, host  
12 educational programs, and support community-based initiatives  
13 aligned with the principles of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act  
14 of 1920, as amended. The estimated cost of the community hale  
15 is \$15,000,000, to include a new access road and parking lot,  
16 with the community committed to raising the remaining funds for  
17 the broader complex through direct fundraising efforts. The



1 legislature acknowledges that this appropriation underscores the  
2 community's dedication to self-determination.

3       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the  
4 issuance of general obligation bonds for appropriation to the  
5 department of Hawaiian home lands for a capital improvement  
6 project to construct the Kānehili community hale and related  
7 infrastructure at the Kānehili homestead.

8       SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
9 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$15,000,000 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
11 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2025-2026  
12 for the purpose of financing a capital improvement project as  
13 follows:

14 1. To be expended by the department of Hawaiian home lands:

15       A. Kānehili homestead, Oahu  
16             Construction of a community  
17             hale, a new access road,  
18             and a parking lot.

19	Construction	\$15,000,000
20	Total funding	\$15,000,000

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1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital  
2 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 1549

**Report Title:**

CIP; DHHL; Kānehili Homestead; Community Hale; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a capital improvement project for the construction of the Kānehili community hale, a new access road, and a parking lot at the Kānehili homestead.

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