### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawai'i state capitol has long been a hub for civic education, offering 2 3 visitors insight into the rich history, culture, and governance 4 of our State. Previously, a dedicated capitol tour guide 5 provided professional and consistent tours to ensure that the public received an accurate and engaging understanding of the 6 7 building's historical and architectural significance. Since the 8 passing of the last tour guide, however, the position has 9 remained vacant, placing an undue burden on legislative offices 10 to provide tours and often leading to inconsistent and 11 incomplete experiences for visitors. 12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for a state 13 capitol tour guide position to be placed within the public 14 access room. 15 There is appropriated out of the general SECTION 2. 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$

much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and

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- ${f 1}$  the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 2 year 2026-2027 for the funding of one full-time equivalent(1.0
- 3 FTE) state capitol tour guide position within the public access
- 4 room.
- 5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the legislative
- 6 reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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#### Report Title:

Tour Guide; State Capitol; Legislative Reference Bureau; Public Access Room; Appropriation

### Description:

Appropriates funds for a State Capitol tour guide position within the Public Access Room.

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