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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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



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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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**Report Title:**

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

**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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