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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 over the past
2 several decades, the State has experienced significant urban
3 transformation marked by increasing population density, evolving
4 transportation networks, and ongoing efforts to address housing,
5 climate adaptation, and livability. Yet, there remains no
6 comprehensive public space dedicated to interpreting and
7 exhibiting the story of the State's urban development.

8 The legislature further finds that other large metropolitan
9 areas have dedicated centers for urban development. World-class
10 examples like the Singapore City Gallery and the Hong Kong
11 Planning and Infrastructure Gallery have demonstrated how public
12 education in urban design can inspire collective responsibility
13 and innovation. A state-funded center dedicated to visitor
14 education and urban planning would spotlight the State's
15 prioritization of transit-oriented development, affordable
16 housing, and climate-conscious construction.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
2 Hawaii urban planning museum.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
5 as follows:

6 **"PART . HAWAII URBAN PLANNING MUSEUM**

7 **§9- Hawaii urban planning museum; established. (a)**

8 There is established within the foundation the Hawaii urban
9 planning museum.

10 (b) The Hawaii urban planning museum shall:

11 (1) Primarily focus on the past, present, and future of
12 the State;

13 (2) Showcase the State's history, highlighting land use
14 and development;

15 (3) Provide a window into current events and issues
16 relating to land use; and

17 (4) Discuss the future of the State, including but not
18 limited to urban design, economic considerations,
19 conservation efforts, and cultural narratives.

20 (c) The foundation may establish a nonprofit group or
21 select a nonprofit group with demonstrated qualifications to



1 manage and operate the Hawaii urban planning museum, its
2 concessions, or other for-profit business enterprises in a
3 manner that is self-sustaining."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
7 the establishment of the Hawaii urban planning museum.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state
9 foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: ALS



S.B. NO. 2200

Report Title:

SFCA; Hawaii Urban Planning Museum; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to establish a Hawaii Urban Planning Museum. Appropriates funds.

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