

JAN 23 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KANEHILI COMMUNITY HALE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Kanehili
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 Kanehili 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, including 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



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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 Kanehili community hale and related
7 infrastructure at the Kanehili 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 2026-2027
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. Kanehili 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



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, 2026.
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Report Title:

CIP; DHHL; Kanehili 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 Kanehili community hale, a new access road, and a parking lot at the Kanehili homestead.

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