
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



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

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an
4 appropriation to the department of Hawaiian home lands to
5 construct the Kanehili community hale and related infrastructure
6 at the Kanehili homestead.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,000,000 or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to
10 construct the Kanehili community hale, a new access road, and a
11 parking lot at the Kanehili homestead.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 Hawaiian home lands for the purpose of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriate funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the construction of the Kanehili community hale, a new access road, and a parking lot at the Kanehili homestead. (SD1)

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