

ACT 391

S.B. NO. 2209

A Bill for an Act Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Making an Appropriation for the Waikiki Aquarium.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The Waikiki Aquarium opened in 1955. Since then, there have been only a few cosmetic changes and some modernization of the facility. The Waikiki Aquarium is in need of technological upgrading and general maintenance to make it comparable to other aquariums in the United States, Canada, and Japan. The Waikiki Aquarium, a popular visitor and resident attraction, is in danger of losing its reputation and may soon start to suffer a drop in attendance and revenue. A master plan to revitalize the Waikiki Aquarium will enable the facility to fulfill its great potential and meet its responsibility to educate Hawaii's residents to understand surrounding ocean waters and natural sea life.

SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year 1988-1989 for upgrading the Waikiki Aquarium by funding phase 1-A of the master plan for the revitalization of the Waikiki Aquarium, released in November 1987, to include the design of all of Phase I of the master plan, and improvements to the electrical service system, sea intake and distribution systems, mechanical treatment system, off-exhibit animal holding and service areas, display aquaria, fish holding and research area, public restrooms, ticket booth, entrance area, monk seal pool, and the removal of the concrete steps fronting the exhibit areas. The sum of \$625,000 of the \$3,000,000 shall be used for the design of all of Phase I of the Master Plan.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1988.

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(Approved June 15, 1988.)