

ACT 183

H.B. NO. 1366

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Acquisition or Development of Real Property.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a significant proportion of the State's public employee work force is concentrated in downtown Honolulu. As many state agencies and employees are outgrowing existing office space and aging infrastructure, there is a pressing need for the State to identify and acquire or build additional office space in urban Honolulu to accommodate state governmental agencies and offices.

This Act proposes consideration of an alternative to constructing the Liliha Civic Center through purchase of an office building of a comparable size,

with the cost of acquiring the building at less than one-third that of constructing the Liliha Civic Center.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to identify, plan, and acquire or build upon real property in urban Honolulu to provide office space for state governmental agencies and offices.

SECTION 2. The governor's office, department of the attorney general, department of land and natural resources, department of accounting and general services, and department of budget and finance may enter into negotiations for the purchase of Ali'i Place; provided that any deal reached within the next two years shall include the continuance of the building's existing property management firm.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to pay the costs of the State's due diligence, appraisal, closing costs, consultant services, legal services, and other costs incurred by the department of land and natural resources in connection with the transaction to acquire the leasehold interest in the land identified as TMK (1) 2-1-017-008-0000 and to acquire the building thereon.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The department of accounting and general services is authorized to perform due diligence in connection with the transaction to acquire the leasehold interest in the land identified as TMK (1) 2-1-017-008-0000.

SECTION 5. The department of land and natural resources, in conjunction with the department of accounting and general services, shall submit a joint report on their progress to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Approved June 30, 2015.)