

**ACT 62**

H.B. NO. 2037

A Bill for an Act Relating to the World Conservation Congress.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress meeting will take place in

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Hawaii from September 1 to 10, 2016, and offers a unique opportunity to highlight Hawaii's environmental and natural resources as a showcase for the United States to share with the world. This is the first time that the Congress will convene in the United States. The meeting will enhance natural resource conservation not only in Hawaii but throughout the world.

The legislature further finds that the International Union for Conservation of Nature is a leading authority on the environment and sustainable development. The World Conservation Congress consists of more than one thousand two hundred member organizations including over two hundred governments, nine hundred non-government organizations, and eighty-five member organizations in the United States. More than eight thousand delegates from over one hundred sixty countries are expected to attend the meeting in Hawaii.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of land and natural resources for the purpose of hosting the 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the purpose of hosting the 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center from September 1 to 10, 2016; provided that this appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year 2015-2016; provided further that all moneys that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2017, shall lapse as of that date.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 6, 2016.)