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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Pearl Harbor  
2 memorial museum and visitor center (memorial) is steeped in  
3 historical significance, continues to be the leading tourist  
4 attraction in Hawaii, and remains a significant contributor to  
5 the ongoing economic health of the state. One and a half  
6 million visitors every year experience the power of this  
7 memorial, the final resting place for most of the 1,177 sailors  
8 and marines who died on the USS Arizona. The memorial also  
9 honors the fallen heroes of the other ships, airfields,  
10 barracks, as well as the civilians who died in the attack, and  
11 ultimately commemorates all casualties and combatants of World  
12 War II in the Pacific.

13           The memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1962, and the  
14 visitor center followed in 1980. Currently, the one-story  
15 building that houses the museum and visitors center is  
16 overcrowded by twice the planned capacity for which it was  
17 designed. The need for space in the museum is also increasing  
18 as many families of more recently deceased survivors are



1 donating artifacts. The structural integrity of the building is  
2 in question as sections of the building have sunk thirty inches,  
3 resulting in cracks in the concrete structure. The current  
4 space is undersized and unsound.

5 The overall cost of the rebuilding of the facility is  
6 \$34,000,000. Efforts have been made to spur private sector  
7 donations. Private gifts, state, and federal funds will  
8 comprise the majority of the support.

9 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of  
10 general obligation bonds to help fund the building project of  
11 the Pearl Harbor memorial museum and visitor center.

12 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
13 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year  
16 2006-2007 for the purpose of rebuilding the Pearl Harbor  
17 memorial museum and visitors center.

18 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital  
19 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
20 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
21 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
22 unencumbered as of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date.



1           SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
2 department of accounting and general services for the purposes  
3 of this Act.

4           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

SB2649, SD1

**Report Title:**

Pearl Harbor Memorial; GO Bonds

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds to contribute to the funding of a new Pearl Harbor memorial museum and visitor center. (SD1)

