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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are many  
2 structures in Hawaii that reflect its unique cultural heritage,  
3 and which hold historical significance. The legislature also  
4 finds that there is significant value to preserving and  
5 perpetuating these structures which reflect Hawaii's cultural,  
6 artistic, architectural, and historic heritage.

7           Heritage tourism is a fast-growing niche of the tourism  
8 industry. Heritage preservation serves to protect and enhance  
9 the state's attractiveness to visitors. It also serves to  
10 increase the tax base and property values, as well as generating  
11 additional sales of good and services, creating new jobs, and  
12 benefiting the state economy.

13           The legislature finds that, to date, funding for historic  
14 preservation has been insufficient. To address the insufficient  
15 funding for historic preservation, the Historic Hawaii  
16 Foundation, in cooperation with the National Trust for Historic  
17 Preservation, will establish the Hawaii Preservation Fund. This



1 fund is envisioned as an endowment vehicle which would allow the  
2 Historic Hawaii Foundation to compete for federal funds. Funds  
3 would be used for preservation services in Hawaii, with the  
4 majority of the funding going to direct grant awards to Hawaii  
5 based non-profits and governmental organizations that are  
6 dedicated to preservation services.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
8 Historic Hawaii Foundation to help provide initial funding for  
9 its endowment; provided that the appropriated amounts are  
10 matched by an equal amount of private contributions to the  
11 Hawaii Preservation Fund endowment.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
15 funding of the Hawaii Preservation Fund endowment; provided that  
16 no moneys shall be released until the amount appropriated in  
17 this section is matched by an equal amount of private  
18 contributions to the Hawaii Preservation Fund endowment.

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

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

Historic Preservation Fund; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the purpose of funding the Hawaii Preservation Fund endowment. Prohibits release of funds until the appropriated funds are matched by private contributions.  
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