
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Iolani Palace is a
2 historic treasure, officially recognized by the State of Hawaii.

3 Built by King David Kalakaua in 1882, the palace served as
4 the official royal residence until the overthrow of the monarchy
5 in 1893. Following the overthrow, Iolani Palace was confiscated
6 by the provisional government and used as their headquarters.
7 It subsequently became the capitol of the Republic of Hawaii in
8 1894, the Territory of Hawaii in 1900, and the State of Hawaii
9 in 1959.

10 In 1966, Liliuokalani Kawananaokoa Morris founded the
11 "Friends of Iolani Palace," a community-based, non-profit
12 organization dedicated to carrying out the restoration of the
13 palace and the preservation of the history of the Hawaiian
14 monarchy. When the new state capitol was completed in 1969, the
15 palace was vacated, and restoration began. In 1978, the palace
16 reopened to the public as a historic house museum with docent-
17 led guided tours.



1 The legislature further recognizes that the Friends of
2 Iolani Palace has served as the "de facto" caretaker for over
3 forty years to maintain Hawaii's most significant historic house
4 museum; to preserve its irreplaceable collections; and to plan
5 and present its exhibits and educational programs without the
6 benefit of regular, predictable support from state sources,
7 instead relying on private donations and small, piecemeal state
8 subsidies. It is the intent of this Act to provide relief to
9 the palace by officially designating Iolani Palace as the "State
10 of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History" and exempting the museum
11 from the standards and conditions related to the receipt of
12 funds under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 The legislature finds that the Friends of Iolani Palace
14 provides an important public service in maintaining this
15 significant building. The legislature further finds that the
16 Friends of Iolani Palace deserves the financial support of the
17 legislature through an unspecified appropriation in the state
18 budget.

19 The purpose of this Act is to:

20 (1) Designate Iolani Palace as the State of Hawaii Museum
21 of Monarchy History; and



1 (2) Exempt the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History
2 from the standards and conditions related to the
3 receipt of funds contained in chapter 42F, Hawaii
4 Revised Statutes.

5 SECTION 2. Section 6E-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "[-]§6E-35[+] **Iolani Palace.** (a) The official
8 designation of the palace of the former monarchs of Hawaii shall
9 be Iolani Palace.

10 (b) The official designation of Iolani Palace shall be the
11 State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. The qualifying
12 standards and conditions related to the receipt of funds under
13 chapter 42F shall not apply to funds received by the State of
14 Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History; provided that if the museum
15 contracts with a recipient or provider, then the qualifying
16 standards, conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall
17 apply to the recipient or provider and the contract.

18 (c) The comptroller and state auditor shall have the
19 authority to examine the use of funds appropriated to the State
20 of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History."

21 SECTION 3. The director of the Friends of Iolani Palace
22 shall provide to the legislature an annual report no later than



1 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,
2 which shall include an explanation of the facility maintenance
3 and other functions accomplished by state fund expenditures in
4 the previous fiscal year.

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Iolani Palace

Description:

Designates Iolani Palace as the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. Exempts the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History from the standards and conditions related to the receipt of funds contained in chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. (SB162 HD1)

