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# 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 its headquarters. It  
7 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 by maintaining Hawaii's most significant historic  
4 house museum, preserving its irreplaceable collections; and  
5 planning and presenting its exhibits and educational programs  
6 without the benefit of regular, predictable support from state  
7 sources, and, instead, relying on private donations and small,  
8 piecemeal state subsidies. It is the intent of this Act to  
9 provide support for the palace by officially designating Iolani  
10 Palace as the "State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History" and  
11 exempting the museum from the standards and conditions related  
12 to the receipt of funds under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised  
13 Statutes.

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

20           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 21           (1) Designate Iolani Palace as the State of Hawaii Museum  
22           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 Iolani Palace, the palace of the former monarchs  
9           of Hawaii, shall be [~~Iolani Palace.~~] the State of Hawaii Museum  
10           of Monarchy History. The qualifying standards and conditions  
11           related to the receipt of funds under chapter 42F shall not  
12           apply to funds received by the State of Hawaii Museum of  
13           Monarchy History; provided that if the museum contracts with a  
14           recipient or provider, then the qualifying standards,  
15           conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall apply to  
16           the recipient or provider and the contract.

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

20           SECTION 3. The director of the Friends of Iolani Palace  
21           shall provide to the legislature an annual report no later than  
22           twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,



1 which shall include an explanation of the facility maintenance  
2 and other functions accomplished by state fund expenditures in  
3 the previous fiscal year.

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

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**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. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB162 HD2)

