

JAN 18 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, in 1885, when the
2 Japanese began migrating to Hawaii to work on the sugar
3 plantations, they brought with them a religious tradition that
4 is reflected in the architecture of many Buddhist temples
5 throughout the State.

6 Elaborately decorated Buddhist temples were built as early
7 as the 1920s and served as a place to practice and preserve
8 Japanese religious and cultural beliefs. Original carvings,
9 interior furnishings brought from Japan, and intricate details
10 characterized the highly talented architectural work of Japanese
11 craftsmen who built these temples.

12 The purpose of this Act is to preserve the heritage and
13 architecture of our State, as reflected in the Japanese-style
14 Buddhist temples found throughout Hawaii.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the



1 refurbishment of each historic Japanese-style Buddhist temple in
2 Hawaii.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 accounting and general services through the state foundation on
5 culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Historic Preservation; Historic Japanese Temples

Description:

Appropriates funds to refurbish each historic Japanese-style Buddhist temple in Hawaii.

