
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND ARTS.

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

1 During the recent economic downturn and recession, the
2 State was forced to trim costs in order to meet the most basic
3 needs of its residents. Many state agencies, including the
4 state foundation on culture and the arts, needed to make
5 difficult decisions in scaling back operations so that each
6 agency could contribute its share of general funds to meet the
7 demands of a balanced budget.

8 In 2010, the state foundation on culture and the arts lost
9 more than one third of their staff, a total of eleven positions,
10 as well as all general fund appropriations for salary support.
11 This year, the state foundation on culture and the arts also
12 stands to lose an additional eight per cent in federal funds,
13 bringing the decrease in their federal funding to \$100,000 in
14 two years.

15 The legislature finds that the state foundation on culture
16 and the arts is an important state resource that provides
17 numerous projects and programs to support the arts and cultural
18 life of Hawaii's communities. Some of these projects and



1 programs include the artists in the schools program, which
2 brings a professional artist into the classroom to support
3 subjects upheld by educational curriculum standards; a cultural
4 project to preserve the art of kapa-making that is conducted in
5 partnership with both public and private organizations; and the
6 biennium grants program which provides support for community
7 projects and grass roots organizations throughout our islands
8 through grants in heritage and preservation, presentation and
9 the performing arts, and arts education. Over time, the loss of
10 these types of projects and programs would result in a loss of
11 cultural resources, knowledge, and skill that can never be
12 replaced. Thus, support for the arts and cultural life of
13 Hawaii's communities must continue.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide general fund
15 appropriations to the state foundation on culture and the arts
16 to continue to promote and preserve culture and the arts in
17 Hawaii.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
21 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
22 2014-2015 for the following purposes:



1 (1) To alleviate the impact of previous
 2 reductions in general fund appropriations to
 3 the state foundation on culture and the
 4 arts.

5 Total funding \$

6 (2) To include seventeen Title I schools in the
 7 artists in the schools program.

8 Total funding \$

9 (3) To continue educational efforts in cultural
 10 preservation through a partnership with the
 11 Edith Kanakaole Foundation, University of
 12 Hawaii biographical research center, PBS
 13 Hawaii, and the Maui Arts and Cultural
 14 Center.

15 Total funding \$

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 17 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Appropriation; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

Description:

Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to DAGS for the state foundation on culture and the arts. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB459 HD1)

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