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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the International  
2 Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress  
3 meeting will take place in Hawaii from September 1 to 10, 2016,  
4 and offers a unique opportunity to highlight Hawaii's  
5 environmental and natural resources as a showcase for the United  
6 States to share with the world. This is the first time that the  
7 Congress will convene in the United States. The meeting will  
8 enhance natural resource conservation not only in Hawaii but  
9 throughout the world. Specifically, the meeting gives the State  
10 an opportunity to highlight its progress toward the six  
11 sustainability targets of the Aloha+ Challenge and its efforts  
12 to mitigate the impacts of invasive species. The State also has  
13 the opportunity to highlight the success and ongoing efforts of  
14 Hawaii's private sector, including organizations like the Blue  
15 Planet Foundation, who advocate for clean energy and convene  
16 industry decision makers, policy experts, and community leaders  
17 to collaborate on forward-thinking solutions that enable clean  
18 energy transformation. In addition, having financial support



1 from the community that will follow the leadership and  
2 initiative of entities, like the Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
3 Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation, and Harold K.L. Castle Foundation,  
4 which have already provided sizeable monetary contributions that  
5 will support Hawaii's hosting of the meeting and enable the  
6 State to highlight Hawaii's environmental and natural resources;  
7 support Hawaii's economy, environment, and quality of life; and  
8 generate economic benefits including visitor spending, tax  
9 revenues, potential federal and international grant funding, and  
10 research opportunities.

11 The legislature further finds that the International Union  
12 for Conservation of Nature is a leading authority on the  
13 environment and sustainable development. The World Conservation  
14 Congress consists of more than one thousand two hundred member  
15 organizations including over two hundred governments, nine  
16 hundred non-government organizations, and eighty-five member  
17 organizations in the United States. More than eight thousand  
18 delegates from over one hundred sixty countries are expected to  
19 attend the meeting in Hawaii.

20 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
21 department of land and natural resources for the purpose of



1 hosting the 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature  
2 World Conservation Congress.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for  
6 the purpose of hosting the 2016 International Union for  
7 Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress meeting at  
8 the Hawaii Convention Center from September 1 to 10, 2016;  
9 provided that no funds appropriated under this section shall be  
10 expended unless the state funds are matched on a  
11 basis with private funds.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; International Union for Conservation of Nature  
World Conservation Congress

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the DLNR to host the International Union  
for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress meeting  
at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 1-10, 2016.  
Requires matching private funds. (SD1)

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