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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii  
2 museum of natural and cultural history is the world's premier  
3 resource for Hawaiian and Pacific materials, housing the world's  
4 largest collection of Hawaiian and oceanic cultural artifacts  
5 including more than twenty-two million biological specimens from  
6 Hawaii and the Pacific.

7           The legislature also finds that the State has supported the  
8 State of Hawaii museum of natural and cultural history's mission  
9 and operational activities through annual appropriations of  
10 general revenues, but these appropriations have decreased  
11 significantly during the preceding decade.

12           The legislature further finds that restoring the State's  
13 allocation to the State of Hawaii museum of natural and cultural  
14 history is critical to ensure that the museum's collections are  
15 properly preserved, protected, and maintained, and that its



1 essential cultural and historical services continue to be  
2 provided to the State.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2020-2021 to support the State of Hawaii museum of natural and  
8 cultural history, including the hiring of necessary staff;  
9 provided that any funds appropriated pursuant to this section  
10 shall be in addition to and shall not supplant any portion of  
11 the base budget of the department of budget and finance for the  
12 State of Hawaii museum of natural and cultural history.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
14 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates \$1,500,000 in general funds to support the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; provided that the appropriation shall not reduce DBEDT's base budget for the Hawaii Museum. (HB1375 HD1)

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