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



1 cultural and historical services continue to be provided to the  
2 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:**

State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History;  
Staffing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to support the State of Hawaii Museum of  
Natural and Cultural History, including the hiring of necessary  
staff. (HD1 PROPOSED)

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