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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VISITOR INFORMATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that tourism is the  
2 State's leading industry. According to the department of  
3 business, economic development, and tourism, the primary source  
4 of income for Hawaii is the visitor sector, which spreads itself  
5 over several industries such as service, transportation, and  
6 retail trade. The legislature finds that the Capitol district  
7 located in Honolulu is a historical, cultural, educational, and  
8 recreational hub for visitors and residents.

9           Each year, the Capitol district draws many visitors to see  
10 and experience the historical sites and attractions in the area,  
11 including the State Capitol, Iolani Palace, Washington Place,  
12 Honolulu Hale, Kawaiaha'o church, Hawaii state art museum, Queen  
13 Lili'uokalani statue, and Father Damien statue, among others.

14           The legislature finds that a visitor information center  
15 located in the State Capitol would serve as a reliable and  
16 informative resource for informing and educating visitors about  
17 local areas and attractions, lodging, maps, transportation



1 routes, and other services; promoting the State's tourist  
2 attractions, services, and products; and serving as an effective  
3 community information service to residents.

4 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
5 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
6 as follows:

7 "CHAPTER

8 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER AND PROGRAM

9 § -1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to  
10 establish a permanent visitor information center program to  
11 support the visitor experience in the State and to assist  
12 visitors and other members of the public in their enjoyment of  
13 the historical, cultural, educational, and recreational  
14 resources of the Capitol district, its surrounding areas, and  
15 the State.

16 § -2 Visitor information center; established. There is  
17 established in the state capitol a visitor information center to  
18 serve as a permanent source for informing and educating visitors  
19 about local areas and attractions, lodging, transportation, and  
20 other services; promoting the State's tourist attractions,



1 services, and products; and serving as an effective community  
2 information service to residents.

3 § -3 Visitor information center program; established.

4 (a) There is established in the state capitol a visitor  
5 information center program that shall become part of the  
6 legislature's permanent visitor information center program.

7 (b) The visitor information center program shall be  
8 supervised by the joint legislative access committee established  
9 pursuant to section 21D-6."

10 SECTION 3. Section 21D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "[+] §21D-6 Joint legislative access committee.[+] There  
13 is established the joint legislative access committee which  
14 shall be composed of members of the legislature. The president  
15 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives  
16 shall each appoint a co-chair and two members or more to the  
17 committee, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

18 The committee shall:

19 (1) Oversee the staff and operations of the legislative  
20 broadcast project, and recommend policies for the



1 project which shall be adopted by concurrent  
 2 resolution; [and]  
 3 (2) Oversee the staff and operations of the visitor  
 4 information center, and recommend policies for the  
 5 visitor information center program that shall be  
 6 adopted by concurrent resolution; and  
 7 [~~2~~] (3) Review the operations of the public access room,  
 8 legislative internet project, and other public access  
 9 projects of the legislature and recommend policies for  
 10 these projects to the president of the senate and the  
 11 speaker of the house of representatives."

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
 15 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
 16 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the purposes of this Act.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the senate for  
 18 the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the

1 sum of \$                    or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
2 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the purposes of this Act.

3            The sums appropriated shall be expended by the house of  
4 representatives for the purposes of this Act.

5            SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7            SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



**Report Title:**

State Capitol; Visitor Information Center; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a Visitor Information Center in the State Capitol.  
Establishes a Visitor Information Center Program to support the  
operations of the Visitor Information Center. Appropriates  
funds. (HB1424 HD1)

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