
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII THEATRE CENTER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii Theatre
2 Center is the second largest proscenium performance facility in
3 the State and is the only remaining theatre of its type in
4 Hawaii. Established in 1922, the Hawaii Theatre Center has
5 operated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization since 1984.

6 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii Theatre Center,
7 listed on both the State and national registers of historic
8 places, has been recognized nationally for its historic,
9 architectural, and community significance. In 2005, the Hawaii
10 Theatre Center won the 2005 Outstanding Historic Theatre Award
11 from the League of Historic American Theaters. The Hawaii
12 Theatre Center was awarded the 2006 National Preservation Honor
13 Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

14 The legislature recognizes that, throughout its many years
15 of service, the Hawaii Theatre Center has established critical
16 areas of expertise and provides significant intangible benefit
17 to Hawaii and its people by providing the community with an



1 historic performing arts facility with exceptional technical
2 capacity.

3 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii Theatre
4 Center has served the community for nearly a century as Hawaii's
5 theatre without the benefit of regular, predictable support from
6 state sources to assist in the preservation of its irreplaceable
7 facility, to staff its programs, and to plan and present its
8 events and educational programs.

9 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Officially designate the Hawaii Theatre Center as the
11 Hawaii State Theatre;
12 (2) Implement this status through an annual appropriation
13 from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii; and
14 (3) Appropriate funds to support the work of the Hawaii
15 Theatre Center.

16 SECTION 2. (a) Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
18 designated and to read as follows:

19 "§6E- Hawaii Theatre Center. (a) The official
20 designation of the Hawaii Theatre Center shall be the Hawaii
21 State Theatre. This status shall be implemented by the



1 department of land and natural resources historic preservation
2 program through an annual appropriation from the general
3 revenues of the State.

4 (b) This designation shall not impinge on the autonomy of
5 the Hawaii Theatre Center, nor imply state control over its
6 programs or policies, except as specifically provided in this
7 Act.

8 (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in
9 chapter 42F, the qualifying standards and conditions related to
10 the receipt of funds contained in chapter 42F shall not apply to
11 funds received by the Hawaii State Theatre; provided that if the
12 theatre in turn contracts with a recipient or provider, then the
13 qualifying standards, conditions, and other provisions of
14 chapter 42F shall apply to the recipient or provider and the
15 contract.

16 (d) The comptroller and the auditor shall have the
17 authority to examine the Hawaii Theatre Center's use of state
18 funds and shall report any findings to the legislature.

19 (e) The chair of the Hawaii Theatre Center board of
20 directors shall submit to the legislature an annual report that,
21 at minimum, includes an explanation of any facility maintenance



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1 and other functions accomplished by state fund expenditures in
 2 the previous fiscal year. This annual report shall be submitted
 3 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
 4 convening of each regular session."

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to support
 8 the work of the Hawaii Theatre Center.

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

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Theatre Center as the Hawaii State Theatre. Appropriates funds.

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