
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE STATE ARCHIVES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the original state
2 archives building, known as the Kanaina Building, was built in
3 1905 on the Iolani Palace grounds within the Hawaii capital
4 historic district to house the public archives of Hawaii. After
5 many years of collecting and acquiring into the public archives
6 the most important records and artifacts of the governments of
7 Hawaii from the Hawaiian kingdom through statehood, the state
8 archives eventually outgrew the Kanaina Building and in 1952, a
9 new building adjacent to the Kanaina Building was constructed as
10 the new home of the state archives and named after Kekauluohi.

11 The legislature further finds that there exists a need to
12 promote citizen engagement in the documentary and tangible
13 artifact heritage of the government, provide greater education
14 of the history of Hawaii's governments and its people, and
15 assist the people of Hawaii in connecting with their personal
16 history as well as the history of Hawaii, in order to better



1 fulfill the role of the state archives as the keeper of the
2 public memory.

3 There also exists a need to have dedicated exhibition space
4 to highlight the many historic records and artifacts preserved
5 in the public archives that document the vibrant and diverse
6 history of Hawaii, its public institutions, and its people.

7 An additional challenge is presented when aging,
8 underrepresented, and marginalized segments of the community
9 seek to donate important historical documents and artifacts to
10 the state archives, but a lack of storage space in the current
11 state archives building requires the state archivist to be very
12 selective in accepting donations.

13 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii capital
14 historic district has been the center of Hawaii's government for
15 more than one hundred fifty years, now consists of twenty
16 buildings and structures, and was added to the National Registry
17 of Historic Places on December 1, 1978. The buildings and
18 structures within the Hawaii capital historic district have
19 distinct architectural styles, ranging from nineteenth century
20 adaptations of New England homes to the Italianate renaissance
21 revival and Neoclassic edifices of the Hawaiian monarchy. The



1 current state archives building does not fit architecturally
2 with the other buildings of the Hawaii capital historic district
3 and is outdated in function with electrical and elevator
4 problems requiring expensive repair, along with a lack of stable
5 backup power, which puts the secure storage of the records at
6 risk.

7 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for the
8 development of a master plan to address the current and future
9 facilities needs of the state archives.

10 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
11 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2020-2021
14 for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects as
15 follows:

16 State Archives, Oahu

17 Plans for the development of a
18 state archives master plan to
19 include expansion and creation of
20 new collections processing and
21 storage, administrative, public



1 research, exhibition, and
2 community engagement spaces.

3 Plans \$500,000

4 Total funding \$500,000

5 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated for the capital
6 improvement projects set forth in section 2 of this Act shall be
7 expended by the department of accounting and general services
8 for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
10 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
11 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
12 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
13 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of that date.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Capital Improvement Projects; CIP; GO Bonds; State Archives;
Master Plan; Archive Facilities; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance
plans for a state archives master plan. Appropriates funds.
Takes effect on 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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