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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 231, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 1993, establishes the aloha order of merit to  
3 honor individuals who, through their achievements, have provided  
4 extraordinary service to the State and brought it to national or  
5 international honor and recognition, and who further embody and  
6 exemplify the aloha spirit to the world. The aloha order of  
7 merit is a lifetime title bestowed by the governor of Hawaii,  
8 with approval of the legislature by concurrent resolution, to  
9 qualified honorees. Section 5-7.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
10 requires that aloha order of merit honorees have achieved  
11 national or international recognition for being outstanding in  
12 their field; contributed to the attainment of statehood for  
13 Hawaii; devoted themselves to the betterment of the State,  
14 embodying the concept of the aloha spirit, provided  
15 extraordinary service to the State; or brought honor to the  
16 State. The governor may request a member of the order to serve



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1 as an emissary for the people of Hawaii on appropriate  
2 occasions.

3 The legislature further finds that section 5-7.6, Hawaii  
4 Revised Statutes, authorizes the governor, upon induction or  
5 soon thereafter, to award appropriate mementos to members of the  
6 order. Additionally, an area is set aside within the Daniel K.  
7 Inouye international airport to exhibit displays honoring  
8 members of the order and their achievements. The legislature  
9 further finds that funding is required to ensure that the  
10 prestige of the honor is truly special and meaningful to both  
11 the recipients and the State.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
13 office of the governor to implement the aloha order of merit.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2020-2021 for the office of the governor to implement the aloha  
19 order of merit.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
21 the governor for the purposes of this Act.



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

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**Report Title:**

Office of the Governor; Aloha Order of Merit; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Office of the Governor to award the Aloha Order of Merit to highly accomplished honorees who have provided extraordinary service to the State.

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