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# 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 the most important records and  
6 artifacts from the Hawaiian kingdom through statehood, the state  
7 archives eventually outgrew the Kanaina Building and in 1952, a  
8 new building adjacent to the Kanaina Building was constructed as  
9 the new home of the state archives and named after Kekauluohi.

10           The legislature further finds that there exists a need to  
11 promote citizen engagement in the documentary and tangible  
12 artifact heritage of the government, provide greater education  
13 of the history of Hawaii's governments and its people, and  
14 assist the people of Hawaii in connecting with their personal  
15 history as well as the history of Hawaii, for the state archives  
16 to fulfil its role as the keeper of the public memory.



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

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7 seek to donate important historical documents and artifacts to  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

11           The legislature further finds that the Hawaii capital  
12 historic district, the center of Hawaii's government for more  
13 than one hundred fifty years, now consists of twenty buildings  
14 and structures, and was added to the National Registry of  
15 Historic Places on December 1, 1978. The buildings and  
16 structures within the Hawaii capital historic district have  
17 distinct architectural styles, ranging from nineteenth century  
18 adaptations of New England homes to the Italianate renaissance  
19 revival and Neoclassic edifices of the Hawaiian monarchy. The  
20 current state archives building does not fit architecturally  
21 with the other buildings of the Hawaii capital historic district



1 and is outdated. The Kanaina Building has electrical and  
2 elevator problems requiring expensive repair, and lacks stable  
3 backup power, which puts the secure storage of the records and  
4 artifacts at risk.

5 The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has  
6 exacerbated the challenges for the public to access the physical  
7 records held by the state archives, and further exposed the  
8 limitations of the state archives to serve the state and the  
9 public in performing its duties and functions. Especially  
10 affected by these challenges are persons who do not live on  
11 Oahu, those with mobility or disability limitations, or who may  
12 require special accommodations to exercise their legal rights as  
13 citizens of the state to discover their own history. Increased  
14 access to digitized records is greatly needed to make public  
15 records freely and equally accessible to the public, regardless  
16 of date, time, or location. Given the limitations on staffing  
17 and current space availability at the state archives, there  
18 exists a strong need to determine the best ways to address these  
19 concerns and reduce the barriers that impede access to the most  
20 important records in the state that document the long-storied  
21 history and heritage of the Hawaiian people.



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

4           SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
5 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
7 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2021-2022  
8 for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects as  
9 follows:

10           State Archives, Oahu

11                   Plans for the development of a  
12                   state archives master plan to  
13                   include the expansion and creation  
14                   of new collections processing and  
15                   storage, administrative, public  
16                   research, exhibition, and  
17                   community engagement spaces.

18           Plans	\$1,000,000	
19           Total funding		\$1,000,000

20           SECTION 3. The sum appropriated for the capital  
21 improvement projects set forth in section 2 of this Act shall be



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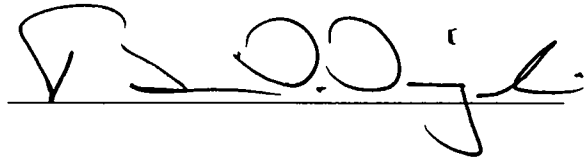
1 expended by the department of accounting and general services  
2 for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital  
4 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
5 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
6 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
7 unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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**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.

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