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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A MODERN HAWAII HISTORY MUSEUM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Bernice Pauahi
2 Bishop Museum generally covers pre-contact and early Hawaiian
3 history and that Iolani Palace covers the Hawaiian monarchy and
4 overthrow era. However, the State has much to celebrate and
5 share since then. The legislature further finds that the State
6 has made national and global impact that is not preserved and
7 exhibited, including the history of its World War II generation
8 of leaders, statehood, and groundbreaking political wins that
9 have led the nation and influenced the rest of the country.
10 Notably, Hawaii has led the nation through policies, such as:

11 (1) The passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of
12 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in any
13 education program or activity receiving federal
14 financial assistance;

15 (2) The enactment of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 1970,
16 which decriminalized abortion;



1 **§9-A Museum of modern Hawaii history; established.** (a)

2 There is established within the foundation the museum of modern
3 Hawaii history. The operations of the museum of modern Hawaii
4 history shall be funded and supported by the modern Hawaii
5 history special fund established pursuant to section 9-B.

6 (b) The museum of modern Hawaii history shall:

7 (1) Focus on the territorial and statehood eras of the
8 State's history; and

9 (2) Chronicle the State's significant milestones and
10 events in its recent history as well as the leadership
11 that the State has demonstrated with respect to many
12 significant issues facing the nation and the world.

13 (c) The foundation may establish a nonprofit group or
14 select a nonprofit group with the demonstrated qualifications to
15 manage and operate the museum of modern Hawaii history, its
16 concessions, or other for-profit business enterprises in a
17 manner that is self-sustaining.

18 **§9-B Modern Hawaii history special fund.** (a) There is
19 established in the state treasury the modern Hawaii history
20 special fund, into which shall be deposited:



- 1 (1) All revenues from the operations of the museum of
2 modern Hawaii history, including any concession fees;
3 (2) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;
4 and
5 (3) Any gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies
6 and private persons.

7 All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund
8 shall become part of the fund. The fund shall be administered
9 by the foundation; provided that the foundation may contract
10 with a public or private agency to provide the day-to-day
11 management of the fund.

12 (b) Moneys in the modern Hawaii history special fund shall
13 be used for the planning, design, construction, administration,
14 and operational costs of the museum of modern Hawaii history."

15 SECTION 3. (a) There is established a museum of modern
16 Hawaii history task force within the foundation on culture and
17 the arts for administrative purposes to prepare the plans,
18 specifications, and designs for the construction of the museum
19 of modern Hawaii history.

20 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
21 members:



- 1 (1) The executive director of the foundation on culture
2 and the arts or their designee, who shall serve as the
3 chair;
- 4 (2) The president and chief executive officer of the
5 Hawaii tourism authority or their designee;
- 6 (3) The state archivist or their designee;
- 7 (4) A representative of the University of Hawaii board of
8 regents; and
- 9 (5) The chairs of the standing committees of the senate
10 and house of representatives with subject matter
11 jurisdiction over culture and the arts or their
12 designees.

13 Members of the task force may recommend additional members with
14 appropriate special expertise to the task force, for approval by
15 the chair.

16 (c) The task force may invite developers to prepare plans,
17 specifications, and designs for the construction of the museum,
18 and review for approval the proposed museum development plans
19 submitted by developers. The task force shall supervise all
20 development of the museum pursuant to the development plan
21 approved by the task force.



1 (d) The working group shall submit an annual report of its
2 progress, findings and recommendations, including any proposed
3 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
4 to the convening of each regular session.

5 (e) The members of the task force shall serve without
6 compensation shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel
7 expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

8 (f) No member of the working group shall be subject to
9 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
10 member's participation in the task force.

11 (g) The task force shall be dissolved on January 28, 2027.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2024-2025 into the modern Hawaii history special fund
17 established pursuant to section 9-B, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the modern Hawaii
19 history special fund the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as
20 may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or
21 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025



1 for the planning and design of the museum of modern Hawaii
2 history.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the foundation
4 on culture of the arts for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 6. In codifying the new sections added by
6 section 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
7 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
8 the new sections in this Act.

9 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____



S.B. NO. 1504

Report Title:

Museum of Modern Hawaii History; Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a museum of modern Hawaii history. Establishes a task force to prepare the plans, specifications, and designs for the construction of the museum of modern Hawaii history. Appropriates funds.

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