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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the aloha order of  
2 merit was established to recognize national or international  
3 achievement in a field either by a single event or by the  
4 totality of work that has either been pioneering in that field  
5 or that has been outstanding in the long term.

6           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the  
7 Hawaii leadership award program to honor individuals who have  
8 made considerable and outstanding contributions to Hawaii and  
9 serve as inspirations to others.

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
11 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13           "~~§9-~~     Hawaii leadership award program.   (a) There is  
14 established within the foundation for administrative purposes  
15 the Hawaii leadership award program to honor individuals who:

16           (1) Have made considerable and outstanding contributions  
17           to Hawaii; and



1        (2) Serve as inspirations to others.

2        (b) Awards shall be presented to individuals in each of  
3 the following categories:

4        (1) Arts;

5        (2) Business and labor;

6        (3) Entertainment

7        (4) Food and drink;

8        (5) Literature;

9        (6) Music;

10       (7) Public service;

11       (8) Science;

12       (9) Sports;

13       (10) Community engagement;

14       (11) Profile in courage; and

15       (12) Friend of Hawaii,

16 who have resided in the State for a period of at least seven  
17 years, except that no individual receiving an award pursuant to  
18 paragraph (12) shall reside in the State.

19       (c) The governor and members of the Hawaii leadership  
20 award selection committee shall present the awards annually.

21       (d) Each awardee shall:



- 1        (1) Receive a certificate of honor and medal;
- 2        (2) Have the awardee's story and a statement of
- 3                recognition displayed in a conspicuous place for a
- 4                period of one year; and
- 5        (3) Have the awardee's name added to a permanent archive
- 6                of awardee names.

7        (e) Awardees shall be selected by a Hawaii leadership  
8 award selection committee. The selection committee shall  
9 comprise the following members, or their designees:

- 10        (1) The lieutenant governor;
- 11        (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives
- 12                standing committee having jurisdiction over culture
- 13                and arts; and
- 14        (3) The chairperson of the senate standing committee
- 15                having jurisdiction over culture and arts.

16        (f) Nominations for awardees shall be accepted by the  
17 Hawaii leadership award selection committee from the public."

18        SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2024-2025 to establish the Hawaii leadership award program.

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

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 1532

**Report Title:**

State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Award; Hawaii  
Leadership Award Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii leadership award program to honor  
individuals who have made considerable and outstanding  
contributions to Hawaii and serve as inspirations to others.  
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