
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 Hawaii individuals who have
3 made significant contributions in the fields of national or
4 international achievement either in a single event or by the
5 totality of work that has either been pioneering in that field
6 or that has been outstanding in the long term.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the
8 Hawaii leadership awards program to honor Hawaii individuals who
9 have made considerable and outstanding contributions to Hawaii
10 in their respective fields and serve as inspirations to others.

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

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



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

3 (2) Serve as inspirations to others.

4 (b) Awards shall be presented annually to individuals in
5 each of the following categories:

6 (1) Arts;

7 (2) Business and labor;

8 (3) Entertainment;

9 (4) Food and drink;

10 (5) Literature;

11 (6) Music;

12 (7) Public service;

13 (8) Science;

14 (9) Sports;

15 (10) Community engagement;

16 (11) Profile in courage; and

17 (12) Friend of Hawaii,

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



1 (c) The governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the
2 Hawaii leadership awards selection committee shall present the
3 awards to awardees annually. No individual may receive more
4 than one award each year; provided that no individual may
5 receive more than one award in each category.

6 (d) Each awardee shall:

7 (1) Receive a certificate of honor and medal;

8 (2) Have the awardee's story and a statement of
9 recognition displayed in a conspicuous place for a
10 period of one year; and

11 (3) Have the awardee's name added to a permanent archive
12 of awardee names.

13 (e) Awardees shall be selected by a Hawaii leadership
14 awards selection committee. The selection committee shall
15 comprise the following members, or their designees:

16 (1) The lieutenant governor or their designee;

17 (2) The chairperson of the senate standing committee
18 having jurisdiction over culture and arts, or their
19 designee; and



1 (3) The chairperson of the house of representatives
2 standing committee having jurisdiction over culture
3 and arts, or their designee.

4 (f) Nominations for awardees shall be accepted by the
5 Hawaii leadership awards selection committee from the public."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2024-2025 to establish the Hawaii leadership awards
11 program.

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

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

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

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Leadership Awards Program to honor Hawaii
individuals who have made considerable and outstanding
contributions to Hawaii and serve as inspirations to others.
Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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