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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE ARCHIVES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus  
2 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has greatly disrupted the  
3 public's interest in traveling and ability to travel, resulting  
4 in reduced public access to historical and documentary heritage  
5 records. The legislature further finds that the COVID-19  
6 pandemic led to a substantial breakdown in the public's ability  
7 to conduct research during limited hours of government  
8 operations. The legislature believes that external conditions,  
9 including pandemics, should not impede anyone's ability to  
10 access public records of enduring value. The legislature  
11 recognizes that these impediments to access demonstrate the need  
12 to place more of Hawaii's unique and irreplaceable documentary  
13 heritage records, historic photographic collections, Hawaiian  
14 phonographic music, and audio-video collections online for  
15 unrestricted public access at all times and from anywhere in the  
16 world. With a vast majority of the most important records of  
17 Hawaii's history existing only in paper, phonographic,



1 photographic, audio-video, and related media formats, it is in  
2 the public interest to digitize these historic documents,  
3 phonographic, photographic, and audio-video media collections to  
4 make them accessible through online access.

5 The legislature acknowledges that converting fragile paper  
6 documents, photographs, and phonographic and audio-video records  
7 into digital formats is a highly technical, time intensive  
8 process. However, once this process is completed, the benefits  
9 that will be provided to the public are numerous, including  
10 increased access to, and transparency in, the government and a  
11 restoration of trust in government.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish  
13 additional funding sources for, and authorize additional  
14 expenditures of moneys in, the state archives preservation and  
15 long-term access special fund.

16 SECTION 2. Section 94-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "**[§94-8]** **State archives preservation and long-term**  
19 **access special fund; state archives preservation fee.** (a)

20 There shall be established in the state treasury the state  
21 archives preservation and long-term access special fund for the



1 preservation of and long-term access to government records[-]  
2 and photographic, phonographic, and audio-video records and  
3 collections that have a unique historical value or are related  
4 to Hawaii's diverse ethnic and indigenous cultures, or both.

5 (b) ~~[All]~~ The following shall be deposited into the state  
6 archives preservation and long-term access special fund:

7 (1) All revenues collected from fees for services provided  
8 by the state archives ~~[shall be deposited in the state~~  
9 ~~archives preservation and long-term access special~~  
10 ~~fund and];~~

11 (2) Private grant moneys and donations; and

12 (3) All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited  
13 into the state archives preservation and long-term  
14 access special fund.

15 (c) Moneys in the state archives preservation and  
16 long-term access special fund may be expended by the comptroller  
17 to carry out the purposes of this section, including funding for  
18 staff positions and for administrative and operational costs of  
19 the program. ~~[All interest earned or accrued on moneys~~  
20 ~~deposited in the fund shall become part of the fund.~~



1       ~~(e)~~ (d) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, a  
2 state archives preservation fee of \$1 shall be assessed for each  
3 document that is filed or registered by members of the public  
4 with a governmental entity and listed on an authorized records  
5 retention and disposition schedule as permanent. The  
6 preservation fee shall be collected and deposited in the state  
7 archives preservation and long-term access special fund and used  
8 to preserve and keep accessible electronic records of ~~such~~ the  
9 documents in a usable state for the good of the public."

10       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
14 year 2024-2025 to be deposited into the state archives  
15 preservation and long-term access special fund.

16       SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the state archives  
17 preservation and long-term access special fund the sum of  
18 \$                    or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be  
20 necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the preservation of and  
21 long-term access to government records.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Accounting and General Services; State Archives  
Preservation and Long-term Access Special Fund; Appropriations

**Description:**

Expands the uses for the state archives preservation and long-term access special fund from the preservation of and long-term access to government records only, to include photographic, phonographic, and audio-video records and collections that have a unique historical value or are related to Hawaii's diverse ethnic and indigenous cultures. Establishes additional funding sources for, and authorizes additional expenditures of moneys from, the state archives preservation and long-term access special fund. Appropriates moneys. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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