
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that art feeds the human
2 spirit and offers priceless value; inspiring, educating, and
3 challenging individuals to think differently, while making the
4 world a more beautiful and interesting place. The legislature
5 further finds that Hawaii was the first state in the nation to
6 adopt a percent-for-art law, which designated one per cent of
7 construction costs of new buildings for the acquisition of works
8 of art. The purpose of the law was to beautify state buildings
9 and increase public access to the arts. The legislature
10 expanded on this effort by enacting Act 389, Session Laws of
11 Hawaii 1989, which created the works of art special fund. The
12 legislature finds that this program has been a success, with
13 works of art enhancing the physical environment of state
14 buildings and providing educational visual arts opportunities to
15 the public through the art in public places program.

16 The works of art special fund currently applies to capital
17 improvement appropriations that are designated for the



1 construction or renovation of state buildings. While the
2 construction of new state buildings requires that they be
3 furnished with works of art acquired through the special fund,
4 this requirement is not necessary for renovations of state
5 buildings since those buildings already have access to works of
6 art furnished through the art in public places program. The
7 legislature notes that removing the redundancy of applying the
8 special fund to renovations would have no adverse effects on the
9 art in public places program, as the State currently possesses a
10 surplus of artwork in storage for future use.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal the
12 requirement that capital improvement program appropriations for
13 the renovation of state buildings be a source of funds for the
14 works of art special fund.

15 SECTION 2. Section 103-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

17 "(a) There is created a works of art special fund, into
18 which shall be transferred one per cent of all state fund
19 appropriations for capital improvements designated for the
20 construction cost element; provided that this transfer shall
21 apply only to capital improvement appropriations [~~that are~~]



1 designated for the construction [~~or renovation~~] of state
2 buildings. The one per cent transfer requirement shall not
3 apply to appropriations from the passenger facility charge
4 special fund established by section 261-5.5 and the rental motor
5 vehicle customer facility charge special fund established under
6 section 261-5.6."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

Works of Art Special Fund; Capitol Improvement Renovations

Description:

Repeals capital improvement appropriations for renovations of state buildings as a source of funds for the works of art special fund.

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