
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The departments and agencies listed in
2 section 2 of this Act shall provide grants to federal tax-exempt
3 nonprofit organizations to support their organizational mission.

4 (b) The grants shall be tailored toward improving Native
5 Hawaiian communities and culture through various assistance
6 programs, including but not limited to programs that offer
7 Native Hawaiian historic preservation, business training,
8 entrepreneurship, and mentoring; provided that:

9 (1) Any grant shall be used exclusively for the purposes
10 of this Act;

11 (2) The applicant shall indicate capability to properly
12 use the grant for the purpose of the grant program;

13 (3) The applicant shall comply with other requirements as
14 the department or agency may prescribe;

15 (4) All activities undertaken with funds received shall
16 comply with all applicable federal, state, and county
17 statutes and ordinances;



1 (5) The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the
2 State of Hawaii and its officers, agents, and
3 employees from and against any and all claims arising
4 out of or resulting from activities carried out or
5 projects undertaken with funds provided hereunder, and
6 procure sufficient insurance to provide this
7 indemnification if requested to do so by the
8 department or agency; and

9 (6) The grants shall be awarded in conformance with the
10 standards in section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2024-2025 to be allocated to the following departments and
16 agencies and used for grants pursuant to section 1 of this Act
17 for the following programs:

18 (1) The department of business, economic development, and
19 tourism:

20 (A) The sum of \$2,000,000; provided that the sum
21 shall be used for a virtual marketplace that



1 supports local artisans and businesses to adapt
2 to e-commerce; and

3 (B) The sum of \$1,000,000; provided that the sum
4 shall be used for a physical co-working space and
5 an innovation, entrepreneur, and resource center
6 that provides workshops, counseling, loan
7 assistance, and broadband access; and

8 (2) The department of land and natural resources, the sum
9 of \$1,000,000; provided that the sum shall be used for
10 the repatriation and reburials of Native Hawaiians
11 nationally and internationally.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 or agency listed above for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
15 amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:

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3 Statutes."

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Grants; Native Hawaiian Communities; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for certain departments and agencies to provide grants to tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that have experience and expertise in supporting and advancing Native Hawaiian communities. Amends Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to include additional grant requirements. (SD1)

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