

'JAN 19 2024'

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that historic
2 preservation plays a critical role in perpetuating the State's
3 unique history and preservation of the history and cultural
4 practices of Native Hawaiians. Presently, the department of
5 accounting and general services and the department of land and
6 natural resources state historic preservation division are
7 tasked with evaluating and enforcing state and federal historic
8 preservation law. However, the department of accounting and
9 general services does not have an internal subject matter
10 expert, relying on contractors to complete this crucial work.
11 By increasing staffing needs within the department of accounting
12 and general services, the department can improve
13 interdepartmental communication with the state historic
14 preservation division and between cultural resources management
15 contractors; expediting certain historic preservation mandates
16 with the implementation of an internal historic preservation



1 team; and improved project management and planning for upcoming
2 or pending projects.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
4 funds to the department of accounting and general services for:

- 5 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic
6 preservation specialist; and
- 7 (2) Four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) archaeologist
8 positions.

9 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
10 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
12 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
13 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
14 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by

15 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
16 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
17 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
18 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
19 ceiling are that:

- 20 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
21 serve the public interest; and




1 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
2 addressed by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to
6 establish four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) archaeologist
7 positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic
8 preservation specialist position within the department of
9 accounting and general services; provided that the department of
10 accounting and general services shall collaborate with the state
11 historic preservation division on matters relating to historic
12 preservation.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____



S.B. NO. 2588

Report Title:

DAGS; SHPD; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Positions; Archeologist; Historic Preservation Specialist; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) archaeologist positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic preservation specialist position within the Department of Accounting and General Services. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to collaborate with the State Historic Preservation Division. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

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