
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the new aloha
2 stadium entertainment district is a critical project for the
3 State. The project promises significant benefits to the
4 community and serves as an exemplar for large-scale
5 public-private partnerships within the State.

6 The State is deeply committed to ensuring the success of
7 the new district. The State's project team, which comprises the
8 department of accounting and general services and the stadium
9 authority, has meticulously procured and contracted with a
10 master developer. The objective is to complete the new aloha
11 stadium and the first phase of the district development by
12 summer 2028. This process includes several key milestones to be
13 achieved throughout 2025.

14 The purpose of this Act is to require the stadium authority
15 to meet any condition set by the legislature on an appropriation
16 to the stadium development special fund, and to appropriate
17 moneys from the stadium development special fund to the stadium



1 authority for fiscal year 2025-2026, subject to the completion
2 of specific project readiness conditions. The condition also
3 provides safeguards to ensure that unexpended and unencumbered
4 funds in the stadium development special fund are returned to
5 the general fund if the project is terminated.

6 SECTION 2. Section 109-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "[+]§109-3.5[+] **Stadium development special fund;**

9 **established.** (a) There is established in the state treasury
10 the stadium development special fund, into which funds collected
11 by the stadium authority shall be deposited, including:

12 (1) All revenues from the stadium development district,
13 including but not limited to agreements or actions
14 generating revenue related to stadium operations,
15 lease or rental of facilities or land, concessions,
16 food and beverage, parking, sponsorship and
17 advertising, utilities and infrastructure, and
18 development;

19 (2) All gifts or grants awarded in any form from any
20 public agency or any other source for purposes of the
21 stadium development district[+]; provided that any



1 gift or grant from a private source shall be used only
2 for infrastructure related to the stadium and costs
3 associated with the development of the stadium;

4 (3) All proceeds from revenue bonds issued for the purpose
5 of the stadium development district; and

6 (4) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund.

7 (b) [~~Moneys~~] Except as provided in subsection (a)(2),
8 moneys in the stadium development special fund shall be used by
9 the stadium authority for the payment of expenses arising from
10 any and all use, operation, repair, maintenance, alteration,
11 improvement, development, or any unforeseen or unplanned repairs
12 of the stadium development district, including without
13 limitation:

14 (1) The development, operation, and maintenance of a new
15 stadium;

16 (2) Food and beverage service and parking service provided
17 at the stadium facility; the sale of souvenirs, logo
18 items, or other items; any future major repair,
19 maintenance, and improvement of the stadium facility
20 as a commercial enterprise or as a world-class
21 facility for athletic events, entertainment, or public



1 events; and marketing the facility pursuant to
2 section 109-2(4) and (8); and
3 (3) Contractual payments to developers or contractors
4 engaged by the stadium authority for the purpose of
5 redeveloping the site and related on- and off-site
6 infrastructure that benefits the stadium district and
7 its development guidance policies.

8 (c) Any condition imposed by the legislature on a
9 legislative appropriation to the stadium development special
10 fund shall be met before expenditure of the appropriated funds;
11 provided that the legislature intends for the condition to be
12 met before expenditure. Any unexpended and unencumbered funds
13 in the stadium development special fund shall immediately lapse
14 to the general fund if the project is terminated."

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the stadium
16 development special fund the sum of \$49,500,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
18 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
19 year 2026-2027 for the purposes of the stadium development
20 special fund described in section 109-3.5, Hawaii Revised
21 Statutes; provided that:



1 (1) The development timelines set by the stadium authority
2 have been met for the new aloha stadium entertainment
3 district; and

4 (2) The sum appropriated and authorized for expenditure
5 for fiscal year 2026-2027 pursuant to this section
6 shall be derived solely from moneys received by the
7 State as a gift or grant from private sources.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the stadium
9 authority of the department of business, economic development,
10 and tourism for the purposes of this Act; provided that if the
11 new aloha stadium entertainment district project is terminated
12 before completion, then all moneys remaining in the stadium
13 development special fund that are not expended or encumbered
14 shall lapse to the general fund.

15 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun before its effective date.

18 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Accounting and General Services; Stadium Authority; Stadium Development Special Fund; Appropriations

Description:

Requires conditions placed on appropriations to the Stadium Development Special Fund to be met before expenditure. Restricts private donations to the Stadium Authority to use on stadium infrastructure and stadium development costs. Appropriates funds out of the Stadium Development Special Fund, subject to the completion of specific project readiness conditions. Requires certain moneys expended to be from private sources. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD3)

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