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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PLAN FOR AND TO HOST THE  
INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS HEALTH CONFERENCE, "HEALING OUR  
SPIRIT WORLDWIDE" IN HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. Native Hawaiians are the Indigenous people of  
2 Hawaii. Other Indigenous peoples are found around the world and  
3 despite untold hardships and tragedies resulting from contacts  
4 with people from other cultures and traditions; they have  
5 continued to prove to the world the richness of their cultures  
6 and traditions. The core values of all Indigenous peoples are  
7 shared and provide to all the peoples of the world a path by  
8 which all peoples can navigate to improve their lives and their  
9 wellbeing.

10           In 1990, with support from the World Health Organization,  
11 the International Congress on Alcohol and Addictions included a  
12 special track on Indigenous health issues at its Berlin  
13 Conference. Attended by the Indigenous peoples of Canada, New  
14 Zealand, and Australia, this forum led a discussion that became  
15 the foundation for an international healing movement. The first  
16 gathering of this new movement entitled "Healing Our Spirit



1 Worldwide" was held in Edmonton, Canada in 1992 and attracted  
2 3,300 people from seventeen countries around the world. The  
3 leadership of the conferences is the International Indigenous  
4 Council, a group of Indigenous leaders who meet throughout the  
5 year to discuss world health and wellness issues. Today the  
6 International Indigenous Council consists of indigenous leaders  
7 from Canada, United States, New Zealand, and Australia.

8 Since 1992, with leadership from the International  
9 Indigenous Council, different countries of the world through  
10 relevant native peoples organizations have hosted the "Healing  
11 Our Spirit Worldwide." The stated mission of the conferences is  
12 "to gather in a cultural celebration inviting the world to share  
13 holistic healing experiences of Indigenous peoples in the  
14 movement toward healthy lifestyles." Healing Our Spirit  
15 Worldwide conferences have been held in:

16 1992: 1st Gathering: Edmonton, Canada (Health Canada);  
17 1994: 2nd Gathering: Sydney, Australia;  
18 1998: 3rd Gathering: Rotorua, New Zealand (National Maori  
19 Health Board);  
20 2002: 4th Gathering: Albuquerque, United States (American  
21 Indian Health Board); and





- 1           (3) Enhanced exposure of Hawaii to potentially new  
2           visitors from countries around the world; and  
3           (4) The opportunity to attract many first-time  
4           participants from all over the Pacific and the world.

5           The hosting of this conference offers an exciting  
6 opportunity for the State of Hawaii to showcase its indigenous  
7 Native Hawaiian population and to participate in actively  
8 demonstrating its support for the host culture. The visitor  
9 industry has already begun to make substantial logistical  
10 contributions to this effort and the Native Hawaiian community  
11 has already expressed its excitement at hosting this event.  
12 More than six thousand conference participants are being  
13 projected for the 2010 conference.

14           The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for  
15 planning to bring the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference to  
16 Hawaii in 2010.

17           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000, or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to bring  
20 the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference to Hawaii in 2010,  
21 and to begin preliminary planning for the 2010 conference by  
22 developing tentative venues involving the Native Hawaiian and



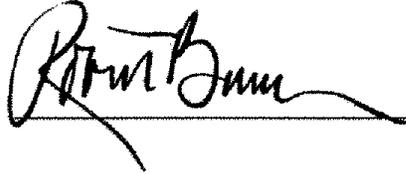
1 other Indigenous communities and the general public on all of  
2 the major Hawaiian Islands and by beginning to inform Indigenous  
3 populations around the world about the upcoming 2010 conference.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
5 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
6 this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

International Indigenous Health Conference; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for preliminary planning to host the international indigenous health conference in Hawaii in 2010.

