A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, establishes the aloha order of merit to honor individuals who, through their achievements, have provided extraordinary service to the State and brought it to national or international honor and recognition, and who further embody and exemplify the aloha spirit to the world. The aloha order of merit is a lifetime title bestowed by the governor of Hawaii, with approval of the legislature by concurrent resolution, to qualified honorees. Section 5-7.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that aloha order of merit honorees have achieved national or international recognition for being outstanding in their field; contributed to the attainment of statehood for Hawaii; devoted themselves to the betterment of the State, embodying the concept of the aloha spirit, provided extraordinary service to the State; or brought honor to the State. The governor may request a member of the order to serve
as an emissary for the people of Hawaii on appropriate
occasions.

The legislature further finds that section 5-7.6, Hawaii
Revised Statutes, authorizes the governor, upon induction or
soon thereafter, to award appropriate mementos to members of the
order. Additionally, an area is set aside within the Daniel K.
Inouye international airport to exhibit displays honoring
members of the order and their achievements. The legislature
further finds that funding is required to ensure that the
prestige of the honor is truly special and meaningful to both
the recipients and the State.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
office of the governor to implement the aloha order of merit.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2020-2021 for the office of the governor to implement the aloha
order of merit.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
the governor for the purposes of this Act.
SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signatures]
Report Title:
Office of the Governor; Aloha Order of Merit; Appropriation

Description:
Appropriates funds for the Office of the Governor to award the Aloha Order of Merit to highly accomplished honorees who have provided extraordinary service to the State.

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