

JAN 22 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Bernice Pauahi
2 Bishop Museum, officially designated as the State of Hawaii
3 Museum of Natural and Cultural History, is a distinguished
4 scientific, cultural, and educational institution for the State
5 of Hawaii, whose mission is to perpetuate Hawaii's natural and
6 cultural heritage. No other agency is tasked with the
7 responsibility to preserve and protect Hawaii's invaluable
8 collections of primary source material and over one hundred
9 years of research across the Pacific region. The fifteen-acre
10 historic campus alone is the repository of Hawaii's most
11 important, extensive, and irreplaceable treasures – from
12 holotype specimens to royal family heirlooms – that anchor us to
13 our past, remind us to be present, and provide us with
14 information to chart our future.

15 The research and primary source material stewarded at the
16 museum is a global resource that is unique, essential, and



1 necessary to address the challenges we urgently face today,
2 including massive biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse, climate
3 change, and climate resilience.

4 The museum continues to raise both public and private funds
5 and collaborate with federal, state, and county agencies and
6 organizations to generate new research and programs serving a
7 wide array of needs and interests. The museum provides regular
8 collections access and scientific expertise locally, nationally,
9 and internationally; provides vital educational programs and
10 resources to Hawaii's students and teachers; actively supports
11 the cultivation of sustainable, cultural, and responsible
12 tourism in Hawaii; contains source knowledge utilized by
13 cultural practitioners from Hawaii and across the Pacific
14 region; and supports families and strengthens the community by
15 providing a neutral and safe place to discuss island-wide
16 issues.

17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
18 the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the funds received
20 by the State of Hawaii from the _____, the sum of
21 \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



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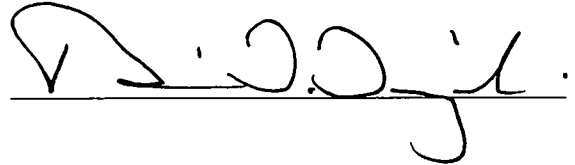
1 year 2021-2022 to support the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,
2 officially designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural
3 and Cultural History.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
5 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 315

Report Title:

State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Coronavirus Relief; Appropriation (\$)

Description:

Appropriates funds for the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History from the funds received by the State from the

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