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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

1                                   **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2           SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may  
3 be cited as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Appropriations Act of  
4 2021.

5           SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise clear from the  
6 context, as used in this Act:

7           "Means of financing" or "MOF" means the source from which  
8 funds are appropriated or authorized to be expended for the  
9 programs and projects specified in this Act. All appropriations  
10 are followed by letter symbols. The letter symbols, where used,  
11 shall have the following meanings:

12           A General funds

13           T Trust funds

14           "Position ceiling" means the maximum number of permanent  
15 and temporary full-time equivalent positions authorized for a  
16 particular program during a specified period or periods, as  
17 denoted by an asterisk (\*) for permanent full-time equivalent



1 positions and a pound (#) sign for temporary full-time  
2 equivalent positions.

3 "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific  
4 program and consists of the abbreviation for the office of  
5 Hawaiian affairs (OHA) followed by the organization number for  
6 the program.

7 **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. The following sums, or so much  
9 thereof as may be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and  
10 programs designated herein, are hereby appropriated or  
11 authorized from the means of financing specified to the office  
12 of Hawaiian affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1,  
13 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The total expenditures and the  
14 number of positions in each fiscal year of the biennium shall  
15 not exceed the sums and the numbers indicated for each fiscal  
16 year, except as provided elsewhere in this Act, or as provided  
17 by general law.



1	Hawaiian Affairs			
2	1. OHA150 - OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES			
3			0*	0*
4			0#	0#
5	OPERATING	OHA	0A	0A
6			0*	0*
7			0#	0#
8		OHA	0T	0T
9				
10	2. OHA160 - ADMINISTRATION			
11			0*	0*
12			0#	0#
13	OPERATING	OHA	0A	0A
14			0*	0*
15			0#	0#
16		OHA	0T	0T
17				
18	3. OHA175 - BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY			
19			0*	0*
20			0#	0#
21	OPERATING	OHA	0A	0A
22			0*	0*
23			0#	0#
24		OHA	0T	0T
25				



1                                   PART III.   PROGRAM PROVISIONS

2           SECTION 4.   Provided that the general fund appropriations  
3 in part II of this Act shall be expended by the office of  
4 Hawaiian affairs.

5           SECTION 5.   Provided that, of the funds appropriated for  
6 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$                   in general  
7 funds and \$                   in trust funds for fiscal year 2021-2022  
8 and the same sums for fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be expended to  
9 provide for social services, including referral services and  
10 case management, to at-risk office of Hawaiian affairs  
11 beneficiaries to immediately address unexpected crises; provided  
12 further that program activities shall be designed with an  
13 overall objective to provide financial assistance to improve  
14 stability during emergency situations; and provided further  
15 that, notwithstanding section 10-17(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
16 any funds expended for the purposes of this section shall be in  
17 accordance with chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
18 or a competitive grants process, as appropriate.

19           SECTION 6.   Provided that, of the funds appropriated for  
20 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$                   in general  
21 funds and \$                   in trust funds for fiscal year 2021-2022



1 and the same sums for fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be expended to  
 2 provide for educational improvement programs for native Hawaiian  
 3 students; provided further that program activities shall be  
 4 designed to help native Hawaiian students succeed academically;  
 5 and provided further that, notwithstanding section 10-17(e),  
 6 Hawaii Revised Statutes, any expenditures for the purposes of  
 7 this section shall be in accordance with chapter 103D or 103F,  
 8 Hawaii Revised Statutes, or a competitive grants process, as  
 9 appropriate.

10 SECTION 7. Provided that, of the funds appropriated for  
 11 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$ in general  
 12 funds and \$ in trust funds for fiscal year 2021-2022  
 13 and the same sums for fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be expended to  
 14 provide for legal services and legal representation to office of  
 15 Hawaiian affairs beneficiaries for:

- 16 (1) The assertion and defense of quiet title actions;
- 17 (2) Assistance with ahupuaa and kuleana tenant rights,  
 18 including rights of access and rights to water;
- 19 (3) Land title assistance, including review of title and  
 20 genealogy;
- 21 (4) Preservation of traditional and customary practices;



- 1 (5) Protection of culturally significant places; and
- 2 (6) Preservation of native Hawaiian land trust
- 3 entitlements;

4 provided further that, notwithstanding section 10-17(e), Hawaii  
 5 Revised Statutes, any funds expended for the purposes of this  
 6 section shall be made in accordance with chapter 103D or 103F,  
 7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, as appropriate.

8 **PART IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

9 SECTION 8. Provided that, whenever necessary, the board of  
 10 trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs or the board's  
 11 designee may transfer sufficient funds and positions between  
 12 programs for operating purposes; provided further that these  
 13 transfers shall be consistent with legislative intent; and  
 14 provided further that the office of Hawaiian affairs shall  
 15 submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority  
 16 for the previous twelve-month period from December 1 to  
 17 November 30, no later than twenty days prior to the regular  
 18 sessions of 2022 and 2023.

19 SECTION 9. If any portion of this Act or its application  
 20 to any person, entity, or circumstance is held to be invalid for  
 21 any reason, the legislature declares that the remainder of the



1 Act and each and every other provision thereof shall not be  
2 affected thereby. If any portion of a specific appropriation is  
3 held to be invalid for any reason, the remaining portion shall  
4 be expended to fulfill the objective of the appropriation to the  
5 extent possible.

6 SECTION 10. In the event manifest clerical, typographical,  
7 or other mechanical errors are found in this Act, the board of  
8 trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs is authorized to  
9 correct these errors. All changes made pursuant to this section  
10 shall be reported to the legislature at its next session.

11 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



# H.B. NO. 204 S.D. 1

**Report Title:**

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Package; OHA Budget; Operating Costs;  
Program Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2021-2023 beginning on  
7/1/2021, and ending on 6/30/2023 for the Office of Hawaiian  
Affairs Office of the Trustees (OHA150), Administration  
(OHA160), and Beneficiary Advocacy (OHA175). (SD1)

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