
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The departments listed in section 2 of
2 this Act shall provide grants to federal tax-exempt nonprofit
3 organizations to support their organizational missions.

4 (b) The grants shall be tailored toward improving Native
5 Hawaiian communities and culture through various assistance
6 programs, including programs that offer Native Hawaiian historic
7 preservation, business training, entrepreneurship, and
8 mentoring; provided that:

9 (1) Any grant shall be used exclusively for the purposes
10 of this Act;

11 (2) The applicant shall indicate capability to properly
12 use the grant for the purpose of the grant program;

13 (3) The applicant shall comply with other requirements as
14 the department may prescribe;

15 (4) All activities undertaken with funds received shall
16 comply with all applicable federal, state, and county
17 statutes and ordinances;



1 (5) The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the
 2 State of Hawaii and its officers, agents, and
 3 employees from and against any and all claims arising
 4 out of or resulting from activities carried out or
 5 projects undertaken with funds provided hereunder, and
 6 procure sufficient insurance to provide this
 7 indemnification if requested to do so by the
 8 respective department; and

9 (6) The grants shall be awarded in conformance with the
 10 standards in section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
 14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 15 2024-2025 to be allocated to the following departments and used
 16 for grants pursuant to section 1 of this Act for the following
 17 programs:

18 (1) The department of business, economic development, and
 19 tourism:

20 (A) The sum of \$ for each fiscal year;
 21 provided that the sum shall be used for a virtual



1 marketplace that supports local artisans and
2 businesses to adapt to e-commerce; and

3 (B) The sum of \$ for each fiscal year;
4 provided that the sum shall be used for a
5 physical co-working space and an innovation,
6 entrepreneur, and resource center that provides
7 workshops, counseling, loan assistance, and
8 broadband access; and

9 (2) The department of land and natural resources, the sum
10 of \$ for each fiscal year; provided that the
11 sum shall be used for the repatriation and reburials
12 of Native Hawaiians nationally and internationally.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the respective
14 departments for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
16 amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:

17 "SECTION 1. The departments [~~and agencies~~] listed in
18 section 2 of this Act shall provide grants to federal tax-exempt
19 nonprofit organizations to support their organizational mission.

20 The grants shall be tailored toward improving Native
21 Hawaiian communities and culture through various assistance



1 programs, including [~~but not limited to~~] programs that offer
2 Native Hawaiian historic preservation, business training,
3 entrepreneurship, and mentoring[-]; provided that:

- 4 (1) Any grant shall be used exclusively for the purposes
5 of this Act;
- 6 (2) The applicant shall indicate capability to properly
7 use the grant for the purpose of the grant program;
- 8 (3) The applicant shall comply with other requirements as
9 the department or agency may prescribe;
- 10 (4) All activities undertaken with funds received shall
11 comply with all applicable federal, state, and county
12 statutes and ordinances;
- 13 (5) The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the
14 State of Hawaii and its officers, agents, and
15 employees from and against any and all claims arising
16 out of or resulting from activities carried out or
17 projects undertaken with funds provided hereunder, and
18 procure sufficient insurance to provide this
19 indemnification if requested to do so by the
20 department; and



1 (6) The grants shall be awarded in conformance with the
2 standards in section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes."

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Grants; Native Hawaiian Communities; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds for certain departments to provide grants to tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that have experience and expertise in supporting and advancing Native Hawaiian communities. Amends Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to include additional grant requirements. Effective 7/1/2050.
(SD2)

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