

RESOLUTION NO. 553 18

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING/APPROPRIATING AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITING SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI‘I TO COMPLETE A FILM DOCUMENTARY ABOUT KATSU GOTO.**

**WHEREAS**, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai‘i, dba Honoka‘a Hongwanji Mission, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports the diverse cultural heritage of the people of the Hāmākua district; and

**WHEREAS**, Honoka‘a Hongwanji has formed the Katsu Goto Memorial Committee, led by Patsy Iwasaki of Hilo, to recognize the life and accomplishments of Katsu Goto; and

**WHEREAS**, Katsu Goto arrived in Hawai‘i from Japan in 1885 on the first ship of contract laborers to work in the sugar plantations and served out his three-year contract on the Hāmākua and North Hilo coast; and

**WHEREAS**, when Katsu Goto opened a general store in Honokaa in 1888 he emerged as a leader in the Japanese community in Hawai‘i, serving as a voice for sugar workers and a translator between workers and plantation managers in labor disputes; and

**WHEREAS**, the circumstances surrounding the shocking murder of Katsu Goto on the night of October 28, 1889, and the subsequent manslaughter convictions of the four men responsible for his death marked an early turning point for the organization of plantation labor and the eventual establishment of labor unions in Hawai‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, Patsy Iwasaki promoted the story of Katsu Goto with a graphic novel titled “Hāmākua Hero: A True Plantation Story” and an exhibit at the Bishop Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Katsu Goto Memorial Committee began work on an hour-long documentary about Goto’s life in Japan and Hawai‘i, his tragic death, the aftermath, his legacy, and the themes of human rights, race, immigration, power, and plantation life; and

**WHEREAS**, although production for this documentary was completed, post-production was halted in January 2018 when director and editor Danny Miller passed away; and

**WHEREAS**, the Katsu Goto Memorial Committee is requesting additional funds to hire a film editor to complete the documentary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Research and Development supports the development of the local film industry to showcase the history, places, and communities of Hawai'i Island; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-139(a)(2)(A) of the Hawai'i County Code, Contingency Relief funds shall be transferred to an accepting County department/agency via resolution identifying the nonprofit organization and the specific program, project, event, activity, service, equipment, materials, or supplies for which the grant shall be used; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that Contingency Relief funds from Council District 3 will be appropriated to the Department of Research and Development to provide a grant to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, dba Honoka'a Hongwanji Mission, to hire a film editor to complete the Katsu Goto documentary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the County of Hawai'i hereby transfers/appropriates the following amount as set forth below:

FUND:	General	
AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION:	\$2,500	
OUT AND FROM:		
010.101.5101.91	Clerk-Council SVC – Contingency Relief	\$2,500
CREDITED TO:		
010.161.5163.18	Department of Research and Development Big Island Film Office 115 Misc. Contract Services (Honoka'a Hongwanji Mission – Katsu Goto documentary)	\$2,500

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Research and Development and Director of Finance, and that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to make the necessary transfers in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai'i, this 11th day of April, 2018.

INTRODUCED BY:

  
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 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL  
 County of Hawai'i  
 Hilo, Hawai'i

ROLL CALL VOTE

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on April 11, 2018.

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
CHUNG	X			
DAVID	X			
EOFF	X			
KANUHA	X			
LEE LOY	X			
O'HARA	X			
POINDEXTER	X			
RICHARDS	X			
RUGGLES	X			
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ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK



CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

Reference: C-828/Council  
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