
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that comprehensive
2 statewide inventories of historic properties and burial sites
3 are critical to managing and protecting these properties and
4 sites in Hawaii. The absence of comprehensive statewide
5 inventories delays project planning, since developers, planners,
6 and state and county agencies lack key information on the
7 locations of historic properties and burial sites. The missing
8 data can impact planning processes by requiring projects to be
9 redesigned or delayed after significant resources have already
10 been expended.

11 The legislature further finds that a lack of key
12 information on historic property and burial site locations
13 hampers the State historic preservation division's ability to
14 perform its responsibilities. The state historic preservation
15 division relies on submitted documentation and knowledgeable
16 individuals contributing new information to existing databases
17 and inventories when conducting its surveys and inventory.



1 Since some historic buildings and burial sites are located
2 within restricted or undeveloped areas of the State, collected
3 data are not accurate nor comprehensive.

4 The legislature further finds that while the department of
5 land and natural resources' state historic preservation division
6 is required to create and maintain inventories, the department
7 does not receive funding to fulfill this mandate. Therefore,
8 the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
9 department of land and natural resources' state historic
10 preservation division to expedite development of a comprehensive
11 inventory of historic properties and burial sites located in the
12 State and conduct relevant archaeological surveys necessary to
13 compile the inventory.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2024-2025 for development of a comprehensive inventory of
19 historic properties and burial sites located in the State;
20 provided that the sums shall be expended as follows:



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1 (1) \$ for a state-of-the-art archaeological
2 surface survey utilizing remote sensing, aerial, and
3 satellite imagery;

4 (2) \$ for data collection on the location of
5 burial sites; and

6 (3) \$ for inventory of historic buildings,
7 structures, and other properties.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

State Historic Preservation Division; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Inventory; Burial Sites; Historic Properties; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to inventory historic properties and burial sites in the State, collect data on burial site locations, and conduct an archaeological surface survey.

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