A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended 2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 "S6E- Historic and cultural properties buffers; public
- 5 <u>use.</u> (a) The department shall ensure that public historic and
- 6 cultural properties have sufficient surrounding public lands to
- 7 serve as a buffer for the protection and preservation of the
- 8 public historic and cultural properties.
- (b) The acquisition of private lands to serve as a buffer
- for the protection and preservation of public historic and
- 11 cultural properties shall be deemed a taking of private property
- for public use pursuant to section 101-2."
- 13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Historic Preservation; Eminent Domain

Description:

Requires DLNR to ensure sufficient buffers for public historic and cultural properties. Specifies that acquisition of surrounding lands for buffers is a taking of private property for public use.