
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION, TO REVIEW CHAPTER 6E,
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, RELATING TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES.

1 WHEREAS, there are a significant number of structures in
2 the State of Hawaii of unique architectural and cultural
3 heritage and of historical significance; and
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5 WHEREAS, preserving and perpetuating these structures that
6 reflect outstanding elements of the State's cultural, artistic,
7 architectural, historic, and other heritage:
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9 (1) Fosters civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments
10 of the past;

11 (2) Stabilizes or improves the aesthetics and economic
12 vitality and values of such structures;

13 (3) Protects and enhances the State's attraction to
14 tourists and visitors; and
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16 (4) Promotes the use of outstanding historical or
17 architectural structures for the education,
18 stimulation, and welfare of the people of the State;
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22 WHEREAS, in many cases, owners of such historic structures
23 may not have the financial means to maintain and preserve these
24 structures and may wish to demolish them; and
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27 WHEREAS, these structures are probably within the
28 definition of historic properties, as defined in section 6E-2,
29 Hawaii Revised Statutes, but may not be on the Hawaii register
30 of historic places; and
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1 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6E-10, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, before initiating any construction, alteration,
3 disposition, or improvement of any nature that will affect a
4 historic property on the Hawaii register of historic places, the
5 landowner must notify the Department of Land and Natural
6 Resources of the proposed action and allow the department to
7 review the effect of the proposed action on the historic
8 property; and
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10 WHEREAS, standards for review of an application for any
11 construction, alternation, disposition, or improvement that will
12 affect any historic property should include consideration of the
13 historic significance and integrity of the individual building
14 and the overall impact to the historic context; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division,
17 Department of Land and Natural Resources, was established to
18 administer a comprehensive historic preservation program and
19 possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and personnel to
20 review and evaluate the effect of proposed actions on historic
21 properties; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
26 Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation
27 Division, is requested to work with the Hawaii Historic Places
28 Review Board, county governments, the Historic Hawaii
29 Foundation, and other stakeholders to review chapter 6E, Hawaii
30 Revised Statutes, with respect to whether any changes should be
31 made to that law with regard to any proposed action that will
32 affect any historic property, regardless of whether the historic
33 property is on the Hawaii register of historic places, to ensure
34 the intent and public policy expressed in section 6E-1, Hawaii
35 Revised Statutes, is achieved; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
38 Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division, is
39 requested to submit findings and recommendations to the
40 Legislature, including any proposed legislation, not later than
41 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
42 2008; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 3 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and to
 4 the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of each county.

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