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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO RESEARCH  
AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON HOW BEST TO PROTECT  
HAWAII'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS FROM DEMOLITION.

1 WHEREAS, throughout Hawaii, there are an unknown number of  
2 historically significant buildings that represent an important  
3 cultural resource for both residents and visitors to the State;  
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6 WHEREAS, in an increasingly competitive real estate market,  
7 many of these historic structures face an uncertain future as  
8 properties are sold, long-term leases end, and landowners of  
9 expensive real estate focus on the "highest and best use" in  
10 order to reap maximum financial benefits; and  
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12 WHEREAS, if Hawaii is to retain as many of its historic  
13 buildings as possible, additional protection may be necessary in  
14 order to provide conditions for demolition and review by state  
15 or local preservation commissions; and  
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17 WHEREAS, before additional protection in the form of new  
18 laws, rules, or other intervention measures is considered,  
19 however, important concepts and principles for historic  
20 preservation, the effectiveness of current preservation  
21 statutes, and strategies for change should be fully researched  
22 and developed; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Historic  
27 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural  
28 Resources, with the assistance of Historic Hawai'i Foundation,  
29 county governments, and other stakeholders is requested to  
30 research and report to the Legislature on how best to protect  
31 Hawaii's historic buildings from demolition; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report is requested to  
2 include:

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- 4 (1) Existing practices at the state and county levels  
5 related to demolition of historic buildings, and  
6 existing programs to provide incentives for  
7 preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings;  
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  - 9 (2) Model programs for protection from demolition and  
10 incentives for preservation from other states and  
11 jurisdictions; and
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  - 13 (3) Recommendations, including any proposed state and  
14 county legislation; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation  
17 Division is requested to report on its recommendations regarding  
18 the information requested under this measure to the Legislature  
19 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
20 Session of 2008; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the  
24 State Historic Preservation Division, the Chairperson of the  
25 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Executive Director of  
26 Historic Hawai'i Foundation; and the Mayors of the respective  
27 counties.

