
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 on March 3, 2003,
2 President Bush signed Executive Order 13287, which established
3 federal policy to provide leadership in preserving America's
4 heritage by actively advancing the protection, enhancement, and
5 contemporary use of the historic properties owned by the federal
6 government. The Executive Order also encouraged agencies to
7 seek partnerships with State, tribal, and local governments and
8 the private sector to make more efficient and informed use of
9 these resources for public benefits.

10 The legislature also finds that this Executive Order
11 compliments a White House initiative called "Preserve America".
12 "Preserve America" encourages and supports community efforts to
13 preserve and enjoy the cultural and natural heritage of the
14 country. Its goals include a greater shared knowledge about
15 this nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local
16 pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's
17 cultural and natural heritage assets; and integration of these
18 assets into contemporary community life, combining innovative,



1 creative, and responsible approaches to showcasing historical
2 local resources.

3 As part of the initiative, federal and non-federal partners
4 came together in a summit in October 2006 to explore
5 opportunities to build on past achievements of the national
6 historic preservation program and suggested ways to modernize
7 and improve the program moving forward. Organized into various
8 panels and groups, the summit proposed several ideas and
9 concepts in numerous issue areas, including the building of a
10 preservation ethic and public appreciation for history,
11 determining what is important to preserve, improving the
12 preservation program infrastructure, using historic properties
13 as economic assets, and fostering innovation, to name a few.

14 The legislature also finds that the State has a multitude
15 of historical sites and a rich cultural heritage worthy of
16 preservation. Although various government entities, nonprofits,
17 and private citizens are involved in historic preservation, to
18 this point, their efforts have not been coordinated, nor have
19 common goals been articulated. Given the importance of our
20 historical sites, their role in our current tourism-based
21 economy, and as educational medium, an opportunity to share



1 ideas and collaborate on goals and strategies for historic
2 preservation would be prudent.

3 The purpose of this Act is to effect the means to convene a
4 summit of various stakeholders committed to historic
5 preservation.

6 SECTION 2. The State Historic Preservation Division shall
7 compile a list of historic preservation stakeholders who will
8 participate in a historic preservation summit. This list of
9 stakeholders involved in historic preservation shall include:

- 10 (1) State government agencies;
- 11 (2) County government agencies;
- 12 (3) Nonprofits and charitable organizations;
- 13 (4) Corporations with a history of supporting historic
14 preservation; and
- 15 (5) Individuals with a history of supporting historic
16 preservation.

17 SECTION 3. The State Historic Preservation Division shall
18 convene a summit dedicated to coordinating historic preservation
19 efforts and establishing common goals and strategies for
20 historic preservation in this State. The findings and
21 conclusions of the summit shall be compiled by the State
22 Historic Preservation Division and shall be submitted to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the opening of
2 the 2008 regular session.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
6 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2008-2009, for the purposes of this Act.

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

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Convenes the "Preserve Hawaii" Summit.

