

---

---

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NUUANU-LILIHA.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Nuuanu-Liliha  
2 corridor uniquely reflects the three major eras of Hawaii's  
3 dynamic history, from pre-unification of the islands by  
4 Kamehameha the Great, to the monarchy period, and finally to the  
5 pre-Statehood era. It reflects all of Hawaii through its myriad  
6 of multicultural temples, its quaint "frozen in time" mom and  
7 pop stores from the 1940s and 1950s pre-Statehood days, and most  
8 obviously, some of the most important natural and cultural  
9 resources of our State and nation.

10           Historic corridors are a type of cultural landscape, a  
11 larger site that reflects its past history. Historic corridors  
12 are geographic areas containing buildings, sites, objects, and  
13 vistas of natural, historic, geographic, or architectural  
14 significance. They are associated with persons or events  
15 important to understanding the history and culture of Hawaii.

16           The Nuuanu-Liliha corridor houses one of only three royal  
17 palaces in the nation, as well as the location where King  
18 Kamehameha defeated his last opponent and unified the Hawaiian



1 islands. There are numerous sites that enjoy the distinction of  
2 being listed on either the state or National Historic  
3 Registries, or both, including the Queen Emma Summer Palace and  
4 Grounds, the Sanju Pagoda, and the Kawanakoa playground.

5 The legislature further finds that Liliha neighborhood,  
6 named for High Chiefess Kuini Liliha, once the governor of  
7 O'ahu, is just northwest of downtown and has a history as long  
8 and varied as the generations of immigrants who settled here,  
9 trying to be close to Honolulu's jobs and far enough away to  
10 live affordably. Liliha is said to be the birthplace of saimin,  
11 and the home of the first plate lunch place, and the original  
12 L&L Drive-In, now a national chain, which opened on Liliha  
13 street in 1959.

14 Finally, the legislature recognizes that Liliha is home to  
15 many religious denominations, from the Ma'mae'e Chapel (1863) to  
16 the Young Buddhist Association (1900) to St. Luke's Episcopal  
17 Church (1903) to the Korean Christian Church (1918). Liliha  
18 also might be the State's healthiest neighborhood, with Kuakini  
19 Health Systems, St. Francis Medical Center, Rehabilitation  
20 Hospital of the Pacific, and almost two dozen additional medical  
21 clinics and therapy centers.



1 The purpose of this Act is to designate the Nuuanu-Liliha  
2 corridor as the Nuuanu-Liliha historic corridor.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
5 read as follows:

6 "§6E- Nuuanu-Liliha historic corridor. The official  
7 designation of the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor shall be the Nuuanu-  
8 Liliha historic corridor."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

11

INTRODUCED BY:

KL Muesel

Tom Brown

Celine N. Ching

John M. Wijaya  
Cindy Evans

Debbie Hansen

Della A. Belatti

Josephine

Melle Carroll

Jim Ward

Colleen Meyer

Barbara Manuato

Alfonso

Rida T. R. Cabanilla

Kick Caldwell

John W.



**Report Title:**

Nuuanu-Liliha

**Description:**

Designates the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor as the Nuuanu-Liliha historic corridor.

