
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 the state historic
2 preservation division is entrusted with protecting, preserving
3 restoring, and maintaining the cultural history and rich
4 heritage of the people of Hawaii. To perform its mission, the
5 division must undertake a broad range of activities, some of
6 which require considerable expertise, including:

- 7 (1) The development of an on-going program of historical,
8 architectural, and archaeological research and
9 development;
- 10 (2) The acquisition and preservation of historic or
11 cultural properties;
- 12 (3) The development of a statewide survey and inventory
13 identifying and documenting historic properties,
14 aviation artifacts, and burial sites;
- 15 (4) The preparation, review, and revision of a state
16 historic preservation plan, including budget
17 requirements and land use recommendations;



- 1 (5) Application for and receipt of gifts, grants,
2 technical assistance, and other funding from public
3 and private sources;
- 4 (6) Coordination of activities of the counties in
5 accordance with the state plan for historic
6 preservation;
- 7 (7) Stimulation of public interest in historic
8 preservation;
- 9 (8) Coordination of the evaluation and management of
10 burial sites, and acquisition of burial sites to be
11 held in trust; and
- 12 (9) Regulation of archaeological activities throughout the
13 state.

14 In addition, the state historic preservation officer, who
15 administers the division, must serve as state liaison officer
16 for relations with the federal government and the respective
17 states involving historic preservation matters.

18 The legislature finds that to adequately and successfully
19 administer the diverse programs of the historic preservation
20 division, the state historic preservation officer should have
21 qualifications that include some expertise or experience in one
22 or more of the areas of history, archaeology, and architecture,



1 as well as in the administration of far-reaching historic
2 preservation programs, or similar programs.

3 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the programs of
4 the state historic preservation division are administered by an
5 individual with appropriate expertise and experience, by
6 providing for the establishment of a search committee within
7 thirty days of any vacancy in the position of state historic
8 preservation officer, that will conduct a nationwide search for
9 the most qualified candidates for the position.

10 SECTION 2. Section 6E-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "[~~f~~]**S6E-5**[~~]~~ **State historic preservation officer.** (a)

13 The governor shall appoint a state historic preservation
14 officer[~~, and~~] from the list of five candidates nominated as
15 provided in subsection (b). The governor may appoint the
16 officer without regard to chapter 76, who shall be responsible
17 for the comprehensive historic preservation program and who
18 shall be the state liaison officer for the conduct of relations
19 with the federal government and the respective states with
20 regard to matters of historic preservation. The state historic
21 preservation officer shall be appointed on the basis of
22 professional competence and experience in the field of historic



1 preservation and shall be placed in the department for the
2 purposes of the state program.

3 (b) At any time when the position of state historic
4 preservation officer becomes vacant, a committee shall be
5 constituted within thirty days of the vacancy to conduct a
6 search for qualified candidates to fill the position. The
7 committee shall be composed of five individuals with knowledge
8 of historical, architectural, or archaeological research,
9 development, or preservation, or with experience in the
10 administration of these or comparable programs. The governor
11 shall appoint the members of the committee from a list of
12 fourteen candidates, seven to be nominated by the president of
13 the senate, and seven to be nominated by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives.

15 The committee shall conduct a nationwide search for
16 qualified candidates. Within ninety days of the date when the
17 position of state historic preservation officer becomes vacant,
18 the committee shall submit a list of five candidates to the
19 governor."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Historic Preservation Officer

Description:

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