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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state historic		
2	preservation officer is the administrator of the state historic		
3	preservation program. The state historic preservation officer's		
4	duties include reviewing nominations for the National Register		
5	of Historic Places and maintaining data on historic places in		
6	Hawaii that have not yet been nominated for the National		
7	Register of Historic Places. The state historic preservation		
8	officer also serves as the State's consultant to federal		
9	agencies during review regarding the federal Advisory Council or		
10	Historic Preservation's regulations regarding the protection of		
11	historic places. Federal agencies also consult with the		
12	appropriate state historic preservation officer during their		
13	identification of historic properties and their assessment of		
14	the effect of an undertaking on a historic property.		
15	Due to the important role that a state historic		
16	preservation officer serves with regard to federal historical		
17	preservation matters the United States Secretary of the		

- 1 Interior has established standards for determining the
- 2 qualifications required for a state historic preservation
- 3 officers.
- 4 The purpose of this Act is to require that any person who
- 5 is appointed by the governor as a state historic preservation
- 6 officer, meets the required standards established by the United
- 7 States Secretary of Interior.
- 8 SECTION 2. Section 6E-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 "[+]§6E-5[+] State historic preservation officer. (a)
- 11 The governor shall appoint a state historic preservation
- 12 officer, and may appoint the officer without regard to chapter
- 13 76, who shall be responsible for the comprehensive historic
- 14 preservation program and who shall be the state liaison officer
- 15 for the conduct of relations with the federal government and the
- 16 respective states with regard to matters of historic
- 17 preservation.
- 18 (b) The state historic preservation officer shall [be
- 19 appointed on the basis of professional competence and experience
- 20 in the field of historic preservation and]:
- 21 (1) Be a qualified historic preservation professional in
- architecture, architectural history, archaeology,

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1		history, culture, or a closely related field, who
2		meets the standards established by the United States
3		Secretary of the Interior to serve in that position;
4		and
5	(2)	Have professional experience with relation to historic
6		preservation in Hawaii.
7	(c)	The state historic preservation officer shall be
8	placed in	the department for the purposes of the state program.
9	(d)	Upon the appointment of a state historic preservation
10	officer b	y the governor, the governor shall immediately advise
11	the presi	dent of the senate and the speaker of the house of
12	represent	atives of the identification of the person appointed
13	and the p	erson's qualifications to serve in that position."
14	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
16	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

State Historic Preservation Officer; Qualifications

Description:

Specifies the required qualifications for a state historic preservation officer and adds requirement that notice of the appointment of a state historic preservation officer be given to the legislature.