## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MANOA EXPAND UPON A MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY, THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND THAT THE STATE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION DIVISION REVIVE ITS ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP.

WHEREAS, historic preservation in Hawai'i is presently in a 1 condition of unprecedented confusion and disarray, making it 2 nearly impossible for the State to meet its cultural and 3 historic preservation obligations and legislative mandates to 4 promote the use and conservation of historical properties for 5 the benefit of the various descendent communities; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, the discovery, identification, and preservation of archaeological sites, human burial sites, and other historic 9 properties are increasingly threatened by economic development; 10 and 11 12 13 WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the number of remaining historic properties has diminished significantly due 14 to development and land use practices; and 15 16 WHEREAS, with careful planning and open lines of 17 communication among archaeologists, developers, descendent 18 communities, and state officials, a reduced number of historic 19 properties and archaeological or human burial sites would be 20 21 disturbed; and 22 WHEREAS, when disturbance of archaeological sites, human 23 burial sites, and other historic properties does occur, the 24 response must be in a culturally sensitive and productive 25 fashion; and 26 27 WHEREAS, the severe shortage of historic preservation 28 professionals, particularly credentialed archaeologists, is 29 exacerbating the historic preservation crisis; and 30 31

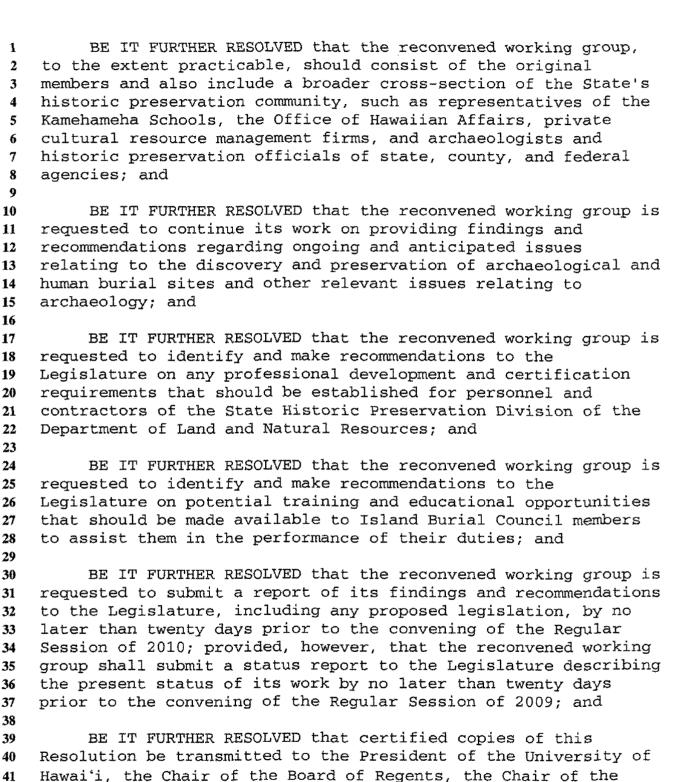


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WHEREAS, protecting the State's cultural and historic 1 2 heritage requires the development of systematic and long-term plans to train the next generation of archaeologists with solid 3 professional skills, ethical standards, and cultural knowledge; 4 5 and 6 WHEREAS, in order to address the long-term need of training 7 future generations of qualified archaeologists, it is necessary 8 for the University of Hawai'i at Manoa to build upon a Master of 9 Arts program in applied archaeology and to expand that program 10 to the neighbor island campuses such as the planned graduate 11 program in cultural resources management being developed at the 12 University of Hawai'i at Hilo; and 13 14 WHEREAS, in 2006, the State Historic Preservation Division 15 of the Department of Land and Natural Resources convened an 16 archaeological working group; and 17 18 WHEREAS, this working group stopped meeting prior to the 19 completion of its findings and recommendations; and 20 21 WHEREAS, in order to further the consideration of ongoing 22 23 and future archaeological issues, this working group should be reconvened with an expanded membership for the purpose of 24 completing its work; now, therefore, 25 26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth 27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, 28 that the University of Hawai'i at Manoa is strongly encouraged to 29 continue to develop and implement a Master of Arts program in 30 applied archaeology and to expand this program to its neighbor 31 island campuses including the planned graduate program in 32 cultural resources management being developed at the University 33 of Hawai'i at Hilo; and 34 35 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2006 archaeology working group convened by the State Historic Preservation Division of 37 the Department of Land and Natural Resources be reconvened with 38 its first order of business to be the submission of the 39 recommendations of the original working group to the State 40 Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and 41 Natural Resources for possible action; and 42 43





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42 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Administrator of the 43 State Historic Preservation Division, and the original members

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of the archaeological working group convened in 2006 by the
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