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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BERNICE PAUAHI BISHOP MUSEUM TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT REPLICAS OF HAWAIIAN HALE ON THE STATE CAPITOL LAWN SURROUNDED BY TROPICAL FOLIAGE FOR REST AREAS.

WHEREAS, the State Capitol, with its unique architecture and location, draws thousands of visitors and residents each year as a place to discover the significance of the Capitol's design as it relates to Hawaiian culture and to learn about Hawaii's government as the only island-state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, preserving Hawaiian culture is vital to the State's traditions and tourism industry, and replicas of Hawaiian hale showcase the lifestyle of ancient Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol serves as a gathering place for people to visit and serve as an open and inviting public facility; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the Capitol lawns to display Hawaiian cultural structures such as replicas of Hawaiian hale surrounded by aesthetic landscaping and foliage to provide sitting and rest areas will bring more people to the Capitol, making it a true gathering place; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with the assistance of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum is requested to develop a plan to implement replicas of Hawaiian hale surrounded by appropriate tropical foliage to serve as rest areas on the State Capitol lawn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to submit the plan to the Legislature twenty days prior to the 2010 Regular Session; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.

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