
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COMPLETE A STATEWIDE SURVEY AND INVENTORY TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT HISTORIC PROPERTIES, AVIATION, ARTIFACTS, AND BURIAL SITES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION RELATING TO THE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF HAWAIIANS AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

1 WHEREAS, state law expressly acknowledges the value of
2 conserving and developing the historic and cultural property
3 within the State for the public good, and recognizes that the
4 historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its most
5 important assets; and

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7 WHEREAS, among other duties, the Historic Preservation
8 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
9 required to:

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11 (1) Develop an on-going program of historical,
12 architectural, and archaeological research and
13 development relating to the State's historical and
14 cultural resources;
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16 (2) Develop a statewide survey and inventory to identify
17 and document historic property, aviation artifacts,
18 and burial sites, including all those owned by the
19 State and the counties;
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21 (3) Coordinate the evaluation and management of burial
22 sites, many of which contain native Hawaiian skeletal
23 remains; and
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25 (4) Develop and adopt, in consultation with the Office of
26 Hawaiian Affairs Native Historic Preservation Council,
27 rules governing permits for access by native Hawaiians



1 and Hawaiians to cultural, historic, and pre-contact
2 sites and monuments; and
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4 WHEREAS, in recent years, the Historic Preservation
5 Division has come under criticism for the handling of historic
6 sites and ancient human remains, including the improper re-
7 internment of historic artifacts, particularly native Hawaiian
8 iwi, or skeletal remains, and their associated burial goods; and
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10 WHEREAS, interested parties, especially native Hawaiian
11 groups, organizations, and individuals, have expressed concern
12 with the Historic Preservation Division's inappropriate
13 treatment of historic heiau, missing archaeological reports, and
14 incomplete inventory of historic sites, in particular native
15 Hawaiian human skeletal remains and associated burial goods;
16 now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Historic Preservation
21 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
22 requested to complete a statewide survey and inventory to
23 identify and document historic properties, burial goods and
24 sites, and human skeletal remains that are held by the State or
25 by any third party, but under the control of the State; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation
28 Division is requested to complete an initial survey and
29 inventory of historic properties, burial goods and sites, and
30 human skeletal remains that are of cultural important and
31 significance to the Hawaiian community; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Historic Preservation Division
34 is requested to complete its initial survey relating to historic
35 preservation of property and items relating to Hawaiians by no
36 later than December 31, 2010; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Historic Preservation Division
39 is requested to submit to the Legislature an initial report of
40 findings, including an inventory to identify and document the
41 historic properties as required under section 6E-3, Hawaii
42 Revised Statutes, no later the twenty days prior to the
43 convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Historic Preservation Division
 2 is requested to submit to the Legislature a final report of
 3 findings, including an inventory to identify and document all
 4 historic properties, aviation artifacts, and burial sites,
 5 including all those owned by the State and counties as required
 6 under section 6E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, no later than
 7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of the
 8 2012 legislature; provided that if any historic properties,
 9 including burial goods and sites, and human skeletal remains
 10 that are of cultural important and significance to the Hawaiian
 11 community, are identified subsequent to the initial report,
 12 these historic properties shall be included in the final report
 13 and inventory; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 17 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the State Historic
 18 Preservation Officer, and the Chairperson of the Board of
 19 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who in turn is
 20 requested to transmit copies to the appropriate native Hawaiian
 21 and Hawaiian organizations and entities.

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