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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL TASK
FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION.

1 WHEREAS, certain places in Hawaii are of paramount
2 importance for their historical and cultural significance, such
3 as the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-
4 Kona, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hulihe'e Palace is located in historic Kailua-Kona,
7 Hawai'i, on Ali'i Drive, the former vacation home of Hawaiian
8 royalty, and has been converted to a museum run by the Daughters
9 of Hawai'i, showcasing furniture and artifacts; and

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11 WHEREAS, as "The Museum of Hawai'i", the Bernice Pauahi
12 Bishop Museum's mission is to be a gathering place and
13 educational center that actively engages people in the
14 presentation, exploration, and preservation of Hawaii's cultural
15 heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures
16 throughout the Pacific; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum is statutorily designated as the
19 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; and

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21 WHEREAS, Washington Place is where Queen Lili'uokalani was
22 arrested during the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and later
23 became the official residence of the Governor of Hawaii; and

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25 WHEREAS, Bishop Museum is a National Historic Landmark,
26 designated in 2007; and

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28 WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace was the official residence of
29 Hawaiian Royalty where official functions were performed and,
30 dignitaries and luminaries from around the world were received
31 and entertained often and lavishly; and
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1 WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace was the center of social and
2 political life for the Kingdom of Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace,
5 Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace are landmark treasures that
6 preserve and perpetuate the Hawaiian cultural heritage, and
7 provide an incomparable attraction and culturally appropriate
8 experience for visitors; and
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10 WHEREAS, to perpetuate and preserve the Bernice Pauahi
11 Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani
12 Palace, these sites need a perpetual funding mechanism; now,
13 therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
18 requested to convene a Governor's Special Task Force on Hawaiian
19 Historical Sites Preservation; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Special Task
22 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation develop a plan
23 to provide fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding
24 for each of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace,
25 Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Governor's
28 Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation
29 include a designee of the Governor; the Chairperson of the Board
30 of Land and Natural Resources; Comptroller; one Senator to be
31 selected by the President of the Senate; one Representative to
32 be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
33 one representative from each of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop
34 Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace, to
35 be selected by the Governor; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Governor's
38 Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation
39 select a Chairperson from amongst themselves; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Special Task
42 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation report to the
43 Legislature its findings and recommendations no later than



1 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
2 2013; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Special Task
5 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation be dissolved
6 upon the filing of its report to the Legislature; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
10 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
11 Comptroller, and the heads or curators of the Bernice Pauahi
12 Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani
13 Palace.
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