
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND
HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO CHOOSE A LOCATION FOR, BUILD,
AND OPERATE AN INFORMATIONAL KIOSK FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE
HISTORIC DISTRICT OF HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, a dense array of unique historic sites, each
2 pivotal to the social and political legacy of Hawaii, has
3 accumulated within a small number of street blocks in urban
4 Honolulu; and

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6 WHEREAS, these historic sites include the Iolani Palace,
7 the Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives,
8 Kawaiahao Church, Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Washington Place,
9 the State Capitol Building, the Kamehameha Statue, Honolulu City
10 Hall, and numerous other sites whose aesthetics and narratives
11 render prime visitor destinations for tourists and local
12 residents alike; and

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14 WHEREAS, transportation difficulties afflicting the
15 historic district - including parking limitations, heavy
16 traffic, bus delays, taxi costs, and confusing one way streets -
17 lead visitors to often condense visits to many historic sites
18 into a single trip and to travel between the sites by foot; and

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20 WHEREAS, due to funding restraints and advertisement costs,
21 many of the nonprofit foundations supporting these historic
22 sites cannot afford sufficient publicity, and thus their
23 enriching exhibits and presentations often fail to enter the
24 general public's colloquium as tourist attractions and household
25 names; and

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27 WHEREAS, locals and visitors benefit substantially from
28 exposure to these cultural gems; a greater understanding of the
29 historic trajectory of Hawaii and its significance to national
30 and international affairs could broaden public patronage,
31 thereby assisting the educational nonprofits that support our
32 historic sites to remain solvent through frequent economic
33 hardships; and
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1 WHEREAS, information conveyed through this public kiosk
2 could be presented either through the interpersonal medium of
3 human attendants or through the electronic medium of an
4 interactive digital display, as costs and efficiency permit;
5 now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2013, that the Department of Accounting and General
10 Services and the Hawaii Tourism Authority are urged to choose a
11 location for, build, and operate an informational kiosk
12 available to the public that is physically located in the heart
13 of Honolulu's historic district; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this public
16 informational kiosk be obtained from specific reserves derived
17 from tourism, such as the transient accommodations tax or other
18 domain-relevant sources; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be
21 transmitted to the Comptroller and the President of the Hawaii
22 Tourism Authority.
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