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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii historic
- 2 places review board is charged with several responsibilities,
- 3 which include the ordering and entering of historic properties
- 4 into the Hawaii register of historic places; making
- 5 recommendations on historic property nominations to the national
- 6 register of historic places; hearing appeals of the department
- 7 of land and natural resources' decisions relating to historic
- 8 properties; and advising the state historic preservation officer
- 9 on matters relating to historic preservation, at the officer's
- 10 request.
- 11 The legislature further finds that the review board's
- 12 activities frequently involve viewing the interiors of private
- 13 homes and visiting native Hawaiian archaeological sites where
- 14 public knowledge of the location of the sites would be
- 15 detrimental to the sites' preservation. Due to the sensitive
- 16 nature of a number of these properties, compliance with certain
- 17 provisions of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, makes it



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- 1 either impossible or extremely difficult for the review board to
- 2 visit the properties.
- 3 The purpose of this Act is to encourage and facilitate the
- 4 viewing of historic properties by the members of the Hawaii
- 5 historic places review board when carrying out their duties.
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 9 creation; powers; appointments; composition. (a) There is
- 10 created a review board, to be designated the Hawaii historic
- 11 places review board, for the Hawaii register of historic places
- 12 and the national register of historic places which shall meet
- 13 the requirements of federal law. The board shall be placed
- 14 within the department of land and natural resources for
- 15 administrative purposes and shall consist of ten members to be
- 16 appointed and removed by the governor as provided in section 26-
- 17 34. The board shall include one professionally qualified member
- 18 of each of the following disciplines: archaeology,
- 19 architecture, history, and sociology. In addition, there shall
- 20 be one person knowledgeable in traditional Hawaiian society and
- 21 culture.

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1	(1)	The review board sharr:
2	(1)	Order and enter historic properties into the Hawaii
3		register of historic places on the basis of their
4		value to Hawaii's heritage;
5	(2)	Evaluate and, when appropriate, recommend the
6		nomination of historic properties to the national
7		register of historic places;
8	(3)	Review the state survey of historic properties
9		undertaken in accordance with this chapter;
10	(4)	Review the content of the state historic preservation
11		plan developed in accordance with this chapter;
12	(5)	Elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and adopt
13		such rules as are necessary for the purposes of this
14		section;
15	(6)	Maintain the Hawaii register of historic places,
16		including all those listed on the national register of
17		historic places, and a program of notification and
18		publication regarding properties on the registers; and
19	(7)	Develop policies on signage in historic districts

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- 2 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
- 3 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.
- 4 (d) The department's determinations made pursuant to
- 5 section 6E-8 may be appealed to the review board.
- 6 (e) The members of the review board may visit historic
- 7 places in the course of carrying out their duties without regard
- 8 to sections 92-2.5 and 92-3."
- 9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Historic Places Review Board; Site Visits

Description:

Authorizes members of the historic places review board to visit sites without regard to open meetings requirements.

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