
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK IN
CONJUNCTION TO TRANSFORM THE BLACKTOP PARKING LOT IN FRONT
OF IOLANI PALACE INTO A PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY ZONE.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii recognizes Iolani Palace as
3 having great cultural, architectural, and historical
4 significance, being the only royal palace in the United States
5 and designated as a National Historic Landmark on the National
6 Register of Historic Places; and

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8 WHEREAS, Iolani Palace further serves as a reminder of
9 Hawaii's origins, completed in 1882 and one of Hawaii's oldest
10 buildings, it served as the royal residence of Queen
11 Liliuokalani, the last reigning monarch of the Kingdom of
12 Hawaii; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and its people have the utmost
15 responsibility to first, treat it with the proper respect and
16 reverence that a national landmark deserves, and secondly to
17 protect and preserve the Palace and its grounds for generations
18 to come; and

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20 WHEREAS, thousands of locals and visitors come to tour
21 Iolani Palace annually and regrettably are first greeted by an
22 unsightly parking lot with parking meters that sorely detracts
23 from the architectural magnificence of the Palace;

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25 WHEREAS, no other palace in the world has parking meters,
26 and allowing people to continue to park on the Palace grounds is
27 a desecration of the hallowed grounds of Iolani Palace and
28 cannot be tolerated; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2017, that this body hereby strongly urges the department of
 4 accounting and general services and the department of land and
 5 natural resources to work in conjunction to assess the
 6 feasibility of prohibition of parking at Iolani Palace; and a
 7 subsequent removal of the blacktop parking area to be renovated
 8 into a pedestrian friendly zone to both compliment and
 9 accentuate the overall splendor of Iolani Palace.

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the state department of land and
 13 natural resources, department of accounting and general
 14 services, office of Hawaiian affairs, department of Hawaiian
 15 home lands, Kamehameha Schools, and each named civic club under
 16 the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

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