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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO RECOGNIZE NAALEHU THEATER AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND PROTECT THE THEATER'S HISTORIC LEGACY.

WHEREAS, the Naalehu Theater, the southernmost theater in the country, was constructed in 1925 by the Hutchinson Sugar Company; and

WHEREAS, the theater hosted live performances and community events and, decades later, movie screenings for the public; and

WHEREAS, the property the theater is located on is currently owned by 300 Corporation, a division of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation; and

WHEREAS, an attempt to list the theater as a historic property was made in 2005; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources visited the site and determined the theater was eligible for listing; and

WHEREAS, the theater was considered for listing on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places and National Register of Historic Places by the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board; and

WHEREAS, in June 2005, the president of 300 Corporation respectfully objected to the register listings; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the roof of the theater started to leak and needed repairs, including a new roof and ceiling, new gutters, and repairs to the foundation, at a cost of about \$150,000; and

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WHEREAS, volunteers repaired the theater and submitted paperwork for the theater to become a National Historic Landmark, but the theater was not designated as a historic site or given any historic status; and

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WHEREAS, if the Naalehu Theater was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the theater would be eligible for financial resources and grants, media exposure, and a twenty percent federal reimbursement for approved repairs because the theater would be categorized as a commercial building; and

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WHEREAS, in 2010, Honolulu Magazine listed Naalehu Theater as one of "Hawaii's Most Endangered Historic Sites"; and

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WHEREAS, recognizing the Naalehu Theater as a historic landmark is an option to provide visitors and future generations the opportunity to visit the theater and learn more about the history of Naalehu; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to recognize Naalehu Theater as a historic landmark and protect the theater's historic legacy; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division.

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