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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The state auditor shall conduct a  
2 comprehensive performance and management audit of the state  
3 historic preservation division of the department of land and  
4 natural resources. The audit shall include but not be limited  
5 to:

- 6           (1) Whether the division has adequate staffing and  
7 resources to conduct timely project reviews;
- 8           (2) Staff response time to inquiries;
- 9           (3) Current project management practices, including  
10 efforts to identify categorical exemptions, historic  
11 properties and districts that should have special  
12 protections or treatment, identification of types of  
13 sites that do not require permit review, filing  
14 systems, and efforts to streamline processes such as  
15 the inadvertent discovery process for burial sites;



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- 1 (4) Record retention methodologies;
- 2 (5) Standardization of monitoring protocols, including the  
3 establishment of cultural impact assessment guidance  
4 and policies;
- 5 (6) The actions, initiatives, and performance of the state  
6 historic preservation division to address the existing  
7 project review backlog; and
- 8 (7) Any recommended improvements, including proposed  
9 legislation, to update, redefine, or realign the state  
10 historic preservation division's mission and  
11 organization based on balancing cultural and historic  
12 preservation with the State's evolving land  
13 development needs.
- 14 (b) The auditor shall submit a report of its findings and  
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
17 the regular session of 2022.

18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

19 INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

State Historic Preservation Division; DLNR; Performance and Management Audit

**Description:**

Directs the auditor to perform a comprehensive performance and management audit of the state historic preservation division.

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