
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) An evaluation of whether the review and response to
9 submittals is completed within the timeframes
10 established by rule;

11 (3) Current project review practices, including efforts to
12 identify categorical exemptions, historic properties
13 and districts that should have special protections or
14 treatment, identification of types of sites that do
15 not require permit review, filing systems, and efforts
16 to streamline processes such as the inadvertent
17 discovery process for burial sites;



- 1 (4) Record retention methodologies;
- 2 (5) Standardization of monitoring protocols, including the
- 3 establishment of cultural impact assessment guidance;
- 4 (6) The actions, initiatives, and performance of the state
- 5 historic preservation division to address the existing
- 6 project review backlog; and
- 7 (7) Any recommended improvements, including proposed
- 8 legislation, to update, redefine, or realign the state
- 9 historic preservation division's mission and
- 10 organization based on balancing cultural and historic
- 11 preservation with the State's evolving land
- 12 development needs.

13 (b) The auditor shall submit a report of its findings and
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
15 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the regular session of 2022.

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

State Historic Preservation Division; DLNR; Auditor; Performance and Management Audit

Description:

Directs the auditor to perform a comprehensive performance and management audit of the state historic preservation division. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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