

JAN 27 2021

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: _____



By Request



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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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