
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DIVISION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
2 State Historic Preservation Division serves to protect and
3 preserve historic properties significant to Hawaii's history
4 through several program areas; and
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6 WHEREAS, under section 23-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
7 Auditor may examine and inspect all accounts, books, records,
8 files, papers, and documents and all financial affairs of every
9 department, office, agency, and political subdivision; now,
10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
15 requested to conduct a performance audit of all the programs
16 within the State Historic Preservation Division of the
17 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit include but not be
20 limited to:
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- 22 (1) Whether State Historic Preservation Division has
23 adequate staffing and resources to conduct timely
24 project reviews;
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- 26 (2) An evaluation of whether the review and response to
27 submittals is completed within the timeframes
28 established by rule;
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- 30 (3) Current project review practices, including efforts to
31 identify categorical exemptions, historic properties



1 and districts that should have special protections or
2 treatment, identification of types of sites that do
3 not require permit review, filing systems, and efforts
4 to streamline processes such as the inadvertent
5 discovery process for burial sites;

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7 (4) Record retention methodologies;
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9 (5) Standardization of monitoring protocols, including the
10 establishment of cultural impact assessment guidance;
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12 (6) The actions, initiatives, and performance of the State
13 Historic Preservation Division to address the existing
14 project review backlog; and
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16 (7) Any recommended improvements, including proposed
17 legislation, to update, redefine, or realign the State
18 Historic Preservation Division's mission and
19 organization based on balancing cultural and historic
20 preservation with the State's evolving land
21 development needs; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
24 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
25 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
26 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
27 2022; and

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

