
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Iolani Palace is the
2 only royal palace in the United States in which a reigning
3 monarch lived and is an icon of the State. Iolani Palace is a
4 living legacy of a proud Hawaiian national identity and
5 represents the dignity and unique history of the people of
6 Hawaii. The legislature supports the palace's mission to
7 preserve, restore, interpret, share, and celebrate the unique
8 cultural, historical, and spiritual qualities of Iolani Palace
9 and its grounds for the benefit of native Hawaiians, the people
10 of Hawaii, and the greater world. Iolani Palace should be one of
11 the State's most protected historical sites due to its
12 importance to the people of Hawaii.

13 The legislature further finds that the grounds of Iolani
14 Palace should be revered as highly as the Palace itself, and it
15 is the duty of the State to protect one of Hawaii's most
16 historic and treasured landmarks. Parking meters located on the
17 grounds of the Palace are a sign of disrespect of this landmark



1 and an exploitation of the people of Hawaii. Thousands of
2 tourists visit Iolani Palace annually, and many have noted that
3 among the hundreds of royal palaces worldwide, Iolani Palace is
4 the only royal palace that contains metered parking within its
5 grounds.

6 The purpose of this Act is to:

7 (1) Prohibit parking on the grounds of Iolani Palace;

8 (2) Remove the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters
9 adjacent to the Palace; and

10 (3) Develop and maintain a pedestrian area composed of
11 foliage or other historically appropriate materials.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§184- Iolani Palace; parking prohibited. (a) No
16 person shall park a motor vehicle on the grounds of Iolani
17 Palace.

18 (b) For the purposes of this section:

19 "Motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as in section
20 291C-1.



1 "Park" shall have the same meaning as in section 291C-1."

2 SECTION 3. The department of accounting and general
3 services shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty
4 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2023, a
5 cost analysis and proposed legislation, if necessary, for
6 removing the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent
7 to Iolani Palace.

8 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
9 shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2023, a cost analysis
11 and proposed legislation, if necessary, for developing and
12 maintaining a pedestrian area to replace the existing blacktop,
13 parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace.

14 SECTION 5. (a) Commencing no later than January 1, 2024,
15 the department of accounting and general services shall remove
16 the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to
17 Iolani Palace.

18 (b) Upon removal of the blacktop, parking area, and
19 parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace, the department of land
20 and natural resources shall develop and maintain a pedestrian



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1 area to replace the existing blacktop, parking area, and parking
2 meters adjacent to Iolani Palace. The pedestrian area shall be
3 composed of grass and other historically appropriate materials.

4 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
6 provided that sections 2 and 5 shall take effect on January 1,
7 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

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Description:

Phases out parking of motor vehicles on the grounds of Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS to remove the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DLNR to develop and maintain a pedestrian area adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS and DLNR to report cost analysis to the legislature.

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