
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF ALL THE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

5
6 WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division has
7 indicated that it has faced challenges with insufficient
8 staffing and funding, which hinder its ability to carry out its
9 important duties and responsibilities in a timely manner; and

10
11 WHEREAS, under section 23-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
12 Auditor may examine and inspect all accounts, books, records,
13 files, papers, and documents and all financial affairs of every
14 department, office, agency, and political subdivision;
15 now, therefore,

16
17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2023, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a
20 performance audit of all the programs within the State Historic
21 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural
22 Resources; and

23
24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the performance audit is
25 requested to include but not be limited to:

- 26
27 (1) Whether the State Historic Preservation Division has
28 adequate staffing and resources to conduct timely
29 project reviews;
30
31 (2) An evaluation of whether the review and response to
32 submittals is completed within the timeframes
33 established by rule;
34



- 1 (3) Current project review practices, including efforts to
- 2 identify categorical exemptions; historic properties
- 3 and districts that should have special protections or
- 4 treatment; identification of types of sites that do
- 5 not require permit review; filing systems; and efforts
- 6 to streamline processes such as the discovery process
- 7 for burial sites;
- 8
- 9 (4) Record retention methodologies;
- 10
- 11 (5) Standardization of monitoring protocols, including the
- 12 establishment of cultural impact assessment guidance;
- 13
- 14 (6) The actions, initiatives, and performance of the State
- 15 Historic Preservation Division to address the existing
- 16 project review backlog; and
- 17
- 18 (7) Any recommended improvements, including proposed
- 19 legislation, to update, redefine or realign the State
- 20 Historic Preservation Division's mission and
- 21 organization based on balancing cultural and historic
- 22 preservation with the State's evolving land
- 23 development needs; and
- 24

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor shall submit a
 26 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
 27 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 28 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

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

34
 35
 36

OFFERED BY:



MAR 09 2023

