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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO RESTORE RESPECT  
AND DIGNITY TO THE ONLY ROYAL PALACE IN THE NATION.

1           WHEREAS, Iolani Palace is the only royal palace in the  
2 United States in which a reigning monarch lived; and

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4           WHEREAS, Iolani Palace is an icon of the State of Hawaii;  
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7           WHEREAS, Iolani Palace should be one of the State's most  
8 protected historical sites due to its importance to the people  
9 of Hawaii, and especially to Hawaii's host culture and the  
10 Native Hawaiian people; and

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12           WHEREAS, the grounds of Iolani Palace should be revered as  
13 highly as the Palace itself; and

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15           WHEREAS, thousands of tourists visit Iolani Palace  
16 annually, and many have noted that among the most notable  
17 palaces worldwide, Iolani Palace is the only royal palace that  
18 contains a parking blacktop upon its grounds; now, therefore,

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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
22 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
23 Accounting and General Services is urged to submit to the  
24 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
25 the regular session of 2026, a cost analysis and proposed  
26 legislation, if necessary, for removing the blacktop, parking  
27 area, and paid parking adjacent to Iolani Place; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon removal of the blacktop,  
30 parking area, and paid parking adjacent to Iolani Palace, the

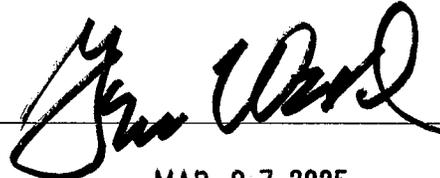


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1 Department of Land and Natural Resources shall develop and  
2 maintain grounds to replace the existing blacktop, parking area,  
3 and paid parking adjacent to Iolani Palace, reflecting as much  
4 as possible, the original palace grounds landscape as per photos  
5 from the Hawaii State Archives; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller of the  
9 Department of Accounting and General Services, Chairperson of  
10 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Executive Director  
11 of the Friends of Iolani Palace.  
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