
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Accounting and General Services
23 is urged to submit to the Legislature, no later than twenty days
24 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026, a cost
25 analysis and proposed legislation, if necessary, for removing
26 the blacktop, parking area, and paid parking adjacent to Iolani
27 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
31 Department of Land and Natural Resources shall develop and



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