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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO EMPLOY AN ARCHAEOLOGIST FOR THE
PURPOSE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN REBUILDING LAHAINA.

1 WHEREAS, the wildfires on Maui in August 2023 were among
2 the deadliest and most destructive in the State's history; and
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4 WHEREAS, the wildfires devastated much of the historic town
5 of Lahaina, destroying centuries-old buildings, cultural
6 landmarks, and irreplaceable heritage sites that were central to
7 its identity and history; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that historic
10 preservation is critical in rebuilding Lahaina because it helps
11 maintain cultural identity, supports economic recovery through
12 tourism, promotes environmental sustainability by reducing
13 waste, aids in social and emotional healing, provides
14 educational value, fosters community cohesion, and ensures
15 compliance with legal preservation regulations; and
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17 WHEREAS, no archaeologist is currently involved in
18 preserving the history and culture of the community and the
19 State during the rebuilding of Lahaina; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
23 that the County of Maui is requested to employ one full-time
24 equivalent (FTE) archaeologist; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the archaeologist is requested
27 to work with other entities involved in the rebuilding of
28 Lahaina to preserve the history and culture of the community and
29 the State; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the archaeologist is requested
32 to implement federal and state mandates, and to plan and manage
33 projects on historic preservation; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Maui.



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