
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "**S6E- Proposed state housing projects; historic review**
5 **requirements.** (a) Notwithstanding section 6E-8, before any

6 agency or officer of the State or its political subdivisions
7 commences any housing project that may affect a historic
8 property, an aviation artifact, or burial site, the agency or
9 officer shall advise and authorize the department to make a
10 determination for the proposed project as to the effect of the
11 project on the historic property, aviation artifact, or burial
12 site. The project shall not commence or continue until the
13 department has made its determination; provided that, if the
14 department determines that the proposed project is in a:

15 (1) Highly sensitive area known to include a high density
16 of historic, cultural, or archaeological resources, or
17 in an area that is likely to contain a high density of



historic, cultural, or archaeological resources, the
department shall require an archaeological inventory
survey in accordance with rules adopted by the
department unless an archaeological inventory survey
has already been previously reviewed and accepted by
the department for the same or a substantially similar
project located in the same project area, in which
case the department may allow the project to proceed
under an archaeological monitoring program pursuant to
rules adopted by the department;

(2) Moderately sensitive area where an archaeological
inventory survey has already been previously reviewed
and accepted by the department and no significant
historic properties have been previously identified,
the department may authorize the project to proceed
under an archaeological monitoring program in
accordance with rules adopted by the department; or

(3) Nominally sensitive area known to include a low
density of historic, cultural, or archaeological
resources, or where the project area has been
substantially disturbed by previous excavation or



1 other ground disturbing work and no significant
2 historic properties have been previously identified,
3 the department may authorize the project to proceed
4 without further review under this section.

5 The department shall provide its written determination
6 within ninety days after the filing of a complete and accurate
7 project request with the department; provided that the
8 department's determination may be appealed to the Hawaii
9 historic places review board.

10 (b) The department shall confirm that housing projects
11 have state inventory of historic places numbers for all historic
12 properties located within the housing project area before the
13 start of construction.

14 (c) A project proponent shall obtain state inventory of
15 historic places numbers from the state historic preservation
16 division for all historic properties within a housing project
17 area if an archaeological or architectural survey is conducted
18 as part of the historic preservation review process. If an
19 archaeological inventory survey is conducted before the start of
20 construction, the project proponent shall obtain state inventory
21 of historic places numbers for each historic property identified



1 within the housing project area during archaeological monitoring
2 before completion of construction.

3 (d) Before any agency or officer of the State or its
4 political subdivisions commences any housing project that may
5 adversely affect a significant historic property, the agency or
6 officer shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to avoid
7 or minimize any effect to the significant historic property. If
8 any adverse effect cannot reasonably be avoided, the agency or
9 officer shall mitigate the adverse effect. Mitigation includes
10 but is not limited to preservation, archaeological data
11 recovery, burial treatment, ethnographic documentation, historic
12 data recovery, and architectural recordation. Mitigation shall
13 be implemented pursuant to terms approved by the department.

14 (e) If previously unidentified human remains are
15 inadvertently discovered during archaeological monitoring or
16 housing project construction, all work within:

17 (1) A twenty-foot radius of the discovery; and

18 (2) A twenty-foot radius of the back-dirt pile containing
19 the soil removed during excavation in proximity of the
20 discovery,



1 shall be stopped and both areas shall be securely covered and
2 protected from the natural elements and adjacent activities;
3 provided that work in other areas of the project may continue
4 and may only proceed in accordance with section 6E-43.6.

5 (f) If a previously unidentified historic property is
6 identified or previously unanticipated effects are found after
7 the historic preservation review process has concluded during
8 archaeological monitoring or housing project construction, all
9 work within a twenty-foot radius of the discovery shall cease
10 and the agency or officer shall notify the state historic
11 preservation division within forty-eight hours of the discovery.

12 The notification shall include:

13 (1) A historic properties assessment that documents the
14 historic or cultural resource and determines its
15 significance;

16 (2) An assessment of effect that shall detail any impacts
17 the project has had or will have on the historic or
18 cultural resource; and

19 (3) Proposed actions that may be taken to avoid, minimize,
20 or mitigate any adverse effects the project may have
21 on the historic or cultural resource.



1 The state historic preservation division shall respond to
2 the notification within two working days.

3 (g) Upon completion of any identified avoidance,
4 minimization, and mitigation measures, the agency or officer
5 shall submit a report to the state historic preservation
6 division documenting the actions taken.

7 (h) The department shall adopt rules in accordance with
8 chapter 91 to implement this section.

9 (i) For the purposes of this section, "housing project" or
10 "project" means a housing project that is developed by,
11 receiving financing from, or situated on land owned by the State
12 or a county."

13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

DLNR; DHHL; Housing Projects; Historical Review

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine the effect of any certain proposed housing projects within ninety days of a request for determination. Establishes historical review requirements based on the project area's known historic, cultural, and archaeological resources. Establishes procedures and notification requirements if previously unidentified human remains or previously unidentified historic or cultural resources are discovered. (SD1)

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