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SENATE CONCURRENT 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, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the County of Maui is
24 requested to employ one full-time equivalent (FTE)
25 archaeologist; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the archaeologist is requested
28 to work with other entities involved in the rebuilding of
29 Lahaina to preserve the history and culture of the community and
30 the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the archaeologist is requested
2 to implement federal and state mandates, and to plan and manage
3 projects on historic preservation; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County
7 of Maui.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

