
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the royal mausoleum,
2 also known as Mauna 'Ala in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, is the sacred resting
3 place of the ali'i of the Kamehameha and Kalākaua dynasties,
4 among other high chiefs of Hawai'i. This wahi pana holds deep
5 cultural, historical, and spiritual significance for Native
6 Hawaiians and the people of Hawai'i. Mauna 'Ala embodies the
7 mana of the ali'i and the cultural practice of mālama iwi kūpuna,
8 expressing the enduring respect for the ancestors who shaped
9 Hawai'i's history and identity.

10 Since its transfer to the department of land and natural
11 resources in 1967, Mauna 'Ala has been maintained by the State.
12 However, the legislature finds that concerns have arisen from
13 Native Hawaiian organizations, the ali'i trusts, and cultural
14 descendants about ensuring that all management decisions uphold
15 traditional protocols, respect genealogical ties, and preserve
16 the sanctity of the site.



1 The legislature believes that proper protection and
2 management of Mauna 'Ala are necessary to safeguard the site for
3 future generations.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
5 temporary royal mausoleum working group within the department of
6 land and natural resources to ensure the respectful stewardship,
7 preservation, and appropriate management of the royal mausoleum,
8 or Mauna 'Ala, in accordance with Hawaiian cultural traditions
9 and values.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a working group to be
11 known as the royal mausoleum working group, to be placed within
12 the department of land and natural resources.

13 (b) The working group shall consist of seven members.

14 (c) The working group shall:

15 (1) Determine a process for the selection of the curator
16 of Mauna 'Ala;

17 (2) Develop a long-term plan for the proper protection and
18 management of Mauna 'Ala;

19 (3) Determine whether the department of land and natural
20 resources is the proper steward for Mauna 'Ala or



1 whether a co-management agreement would be more
2 appropriate; and

3 (4) Address other matters that the working group deems
4 necessary.

5 (d) The working group shall hold quarterly meetings, which
6 shall be open to the public and for which minutes shall be made
7 public. At least seven days prior to each quarterly meeting,
8 the working group shall post public notice of the meeting,
9 including on a publicly accessible part of the department of
10 land and natural resources' website.

11 (e) The working group shall be exempt from part I of
12 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 (f) Members of the working group shall serve without
14 compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and
15 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the
16 performance of their duties, subject to legislative
17 appropriation.

18 (g) The working group shall submit to the legislature:

19 (1) An interim report of its progress no later than twenty
20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of
21 2027; and



1 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,
2 including any proposed legislation, no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
4 session of 2028.

5 (h) The working group shall cease to exist on December 31,
6 2027.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Mauna 'Ala; Royal Mausoleum Working Group; DLNR; Reports

Description:

Establishes a temporary Royal Mausoleum Working Group within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Requires the Royal Mausoleum Working Group to submit reports to the Legislature. Sunsets the working group on 12/31/2027. Effective 7/1/3000.
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