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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that historic  
2 preservation reviews play an important role in the protection  
3 and management of the State's historic properties and burial  
4 sites. The legislature further finds that under the current  
5 process for historic preservation reviews, before the department  
6 of Hawaiian home lands can commence any proposed project on  
7 lands under its jurisdiction it must first consult with the  
8 department of land and natural resources regarding the effect of  
9 the project on historic properties or burial sites.

10 The purpose of this Act is to:

11 (1) Permit the department of Hawaiian home lands to  
12 conduct its own review of the effect of any proposed  
13 project on lands under its jurisdiction on historic  
14 properties or burial sites; and  
15 (2) Appropriate funds.

16 SECTION 2. Section 6E-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:



1        "(f) [The] Notwithstanding subsection (a), the department  
2 of Hawaiian home lands[, before commencing] may, subject to the  
3 requirements of this chapter and any administrative rule adopted  
4 thereunder, review the effect of any proposed project relating  
5 to lands under its jurisdiction[, shall consult with the  
6 department regarding the effect of the project] upon historic  
7 property or a burial site[.]; provided that in conducting its  
8 review the department of Hawaiian home lands shall:

9                    (1)    Either:

10                    (A)    Designate the review to a Hawaiian home lands

11                    historic preservation specialist who has

12                    professional competence and experience in the

13                    field of historic preservation; has institutional

14                    knowledge of the department of Hawaiian home

15                    lands or the state historical preservation

16                    division, or both; and who has received a written

17                    delegation of authority to review the effect of

18                    department of Hawaiian home lands projects on

19                    historic property or a burial site from the state

20                    historic preservation officer, for the purposes





1                   pursuant to section 6E-43 or 6E-43.6, or both, as  
2                   appropriate.

3                   The department shall retain authority for review under this  
4                   section for projects affecting properties listed or nominated  
5                   for inclusion in the Hawaii register of historic places or the  
6                   national register of historic places."

7                   SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
8                   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much  
9                   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the  
10                  establishment of the following positions:

- 11                  (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic  
12                   preservation specialist;
- 13                  (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) archaeologist who  
14                   meets the state professional qualifications for an  
15                   archaeologist pursuant to section 13-281-3, Hawaii  
16                   Administrative Rules, and the Secretary of the  
17                   Interior Professional Qualifications Standards  
18                   pursuant to section 112(a)(1)(A) of the Historic  
19                   Preservation Act of 1966, P. L. 89-665;
- 20                  (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) architectural  
21                   historian who meets the state professional



1 qualifications for an architectural historian pursuant  
2 to section 13-281-5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, and  
3 the Secretary of the Interior Professional  
4 Qualifications Standards pursuant to section  
5 112(a)(1)(A) of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966,  
6 P. L. 89-665; and  
7 (4) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) cultural historian  
8 who meets the state professional qualifications for an  
9 architectural historian pursuant to section 13-281-7,  
10 Hawaii Administrative Rules, and the Secretary of the  
11 Interior Professional Qualifications Standards  
12 pursuant to section 112(a)(1)(A) of the Historic  
13 Preservation Act of 1966, P. L. 89-665.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

**18** SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 2, 2026;

19 provided that the amendments made to section 6E-8, Hawaii

**20** Revised Statutes, by section 2 of this Act shall not be repealed



1 when that section is reenacted on June 30, 2030, pursuant to  
2 section 7 of Act 306, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: Dee



# S.B. NO. 2786

**Report Title:**

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Historic Preservation Review; Appropriation

**Description:**

Permits the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to conduct a review of the effect of a proposed project on lands under its jurisdiction on historical properties and burial sites, subject to certain requirements. Appropriates funds.

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