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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE-OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND INHERITED LANDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that historic properties  
2 owned by the state are not always maintained or rehabilitated to  
3 the best standards that reflect the historic nature or intent of  
4 the historic properties.

5           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
6 state-owned historic properties preservation plan working group  
7 to:

- 8           (1) Identify all state-owned historic properties and  
9           inherited lands;
- 10          (2) Develop a state-owned historic properties preservation  
11          plan, to include certain recommendations and  
12          considerations;
- 13          (3) Identify a permanent funding source to ensure  
14          sustainable preservation efforts; and
- 15          (4) Develop frameworks for public-private partnerships  
16          that involve lineal descendants, cultural  
17          practitioners, and nonprofit organizations.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
2 of land and natural resources a state-owned historic properties  
3 preservation plan working group.

4 (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
5 members:

- 6 (1) The administrator of the state historic preservation  
7 division, who shall serve as chair;
- 8 (2) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
9 resources or the chairperson's designee;
- 10 (3) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian  
11 affairs or the chief executive officer's designee;
- 12 (4) The director of the planning department of each county  
13 or their designees;
- 14 (5) The chair of the cultural resources commission for  
15 each county or their designees;
- 16 (6) A cultural practitioner from each county to be  
17 nominated by the office of Hawaiian affairs;
- 18 (7) The chairperson of the Hawaii historic places review  
19 board;
- 20 (8) A member from the department of accounting and general  
21 services;



1 (9) The chairs of the house of representatives standing  
2 committee and the senate standing committee with  
3 primary jurisdiction over historic preservation; and

4 (10) Any other individuals that the chair may choose to  
5 invite.

6 (c) The working group shall:

7 (1) Conduct a comprehensive inventory of state-owned  
8 historic properties;

9 (2) Evaluate the condition and significance of each  
10 state-owned historic property;

11 (3) Create actionable preservation and rehabilitation  
12 plans, prioritizing properties at risk and including  
13 the recommendations and considerations described in  
14 subsection (f);

15 (4) Develop criteria for the allocation of funds;

16 (5) Explore and propose permanent funding mechanisms,  
17 including new taxes, appropriations by the  
18 legislature, grants and donations from public-private  
19 partnerships, and revenue from adaptive reuse  
20 projects;



1           (6) Establish partnerships with lineal descendants,  
2                   cultural practitioners, and nonprofit organizations;  
3                   and

4           (7) Promote community engagement and stewardship programs.

5           (d) The members of the working group shall serve without  
6 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
7 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

8           (e) No member of the working group shall be subject to  
9 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the  
10 member's participation in the task force.

11           (f) The working group shall convene monthly and shall  
12 submit an interim report to the legislature every six months;  
13 provided that the working group shall also submit a conclusive  
14 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
15 proposed legislation, to the legislature before the dissolution  
16 of the working group, detailing completed inventories and  
17 assessments and proposed preservation and funding plans, to  
18 include but not be limited to:

19           (1) Recommendations for how the State should:

20                   (A) Properly maintain and preserve historic  
21                           properties; and



1 (B) Improve the design, narrative, and historic  
2 significance of current and future state-owned  
3 historic properties to better reflect the higher  
4 standards inherent in preserving historic  
5 properties; and

6 (2) Considerations of:

7 (A) How to exemplify to the people the greater  
8 narrative, public purpose, and importance of  
9 public infrastructure;

10 (B) The best practices from other states for historic  
11 properties, facilities, and surrounding  
12 landscaping; and

13 (C) Establishing a position of state architect to  
14 help inform project decisions.

15 (g) The working group shall dissolve eighteen months after  
16 its establishment.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; State Historic Preservation Division; State-Owned Historic Properties Preservation Plan Working Group; Historic Preservation; Reports

**Description:**

Establishes the State-Owned Historic Properties Preservation Plan Working Group within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to ensure the preservation of state-owned historic properties and inherited lands. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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