
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL CONSULTANTS SHOULD BE LICENSED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

1 WHEREAS, governments and businesses often find it necessary
2 to obtain expert consulting services in archaeology and culture,
3 especially in an area as rich in tradition and culture as our
4 native Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, archaeological and cultural consultants are, in
7 many cases, vital to the performance of surveys and property
8 assessments done prior to construction or land-use projects, or
9 the documentation of historic property that have archaeological
10 or cultural features; and

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12 WHEREAS, due to the necessary role played by archaeological
13 and cultural consultants, it is important to ensure that these
14 individuals measure up to certain standards of knowledge and
15 experience; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
20 perform a study to determine whether archaeological and cultural
21 consultants should be licensed by the Department of Commerce and
22 Consumer Affairs; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study report on the impact
25 licensure would have on the affected sectors of the state,
26 including but not limited to historical and cultural
27 preservation, tourism, construction, education, and the economy;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Auditor recommends
31 licensure, the study address at a minimum:
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- 1 (1) The need for an applicant to take an examination
- 2 before obtaining licensure;
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- 4 (2) Preliminary qualifications of applicants for admission
- 5 to examinations, including:
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- 7 (A) Educational requirements;
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- 9 (B) Post-graduate experience, such as fieldwork or
- 10 desk work;
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- 12 (C) Membership in or certification by any certifying
- 13 organization for archaeological or cultural
- 14 consultants; and
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- 16 (D) Demonstration of an understanding of the
- 17 archaeology or culture of the state;
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- 19 (3) Licensure categories to distinguish between
- 20 individuals with expertise in different areas of
- 21 archaeology or culture;
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- 23 (4) License renewal; and
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- 25 (5) The need for a board of archaeological and cultural
- 26 consulting, and the board's membership, powers and
- 27 duties, and funding;

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
32 submit to the Legislature a report on its findings and
33 recommendations, including proposed legislation, no later than
34 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007;
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
39 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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41 OFFERED BY: Cindy Evans
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