
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
2 states "the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation
3 should be preserved as a living part of our community life and
4 development in order to give a sense of orientation to the
5 American people"; and

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7 WHEREAS, the state of Hawaii recognized this commitment to
8 historic preservation in H.R.S. §6E-1, stating in part "the
9 legislature further declares that it is in the public interest
10 to engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation at
11 all levels of government to promote the use and conservation of
12 such property for the education, inspiration, pleasure, and
13 enrichment of its citizens"; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a unique and spectacular history found
16 nowhere else in the world that should be preserved and shared
17 for current and future generations and with the millions of
18 individuals who visit the state each year; and

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20 WHEREAS, historic preservation is a dynamic field that
21 focuses on the care and management of the built environment and
22 the protection of other cultural resources; and

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24 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa currently offers
25 a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation, to be completed
26 alone or in conjunction with another graduate certificate or
27 degree program; and

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29 WHEREAS, there are over two dozen higher learning
30 institutions in the country that currently offer degrees or
31 other courses or training in historic preservation; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University's Historic Preservation program has
2 benefited from the experience and expertise of its faculty and
3 lecturers and distinguished visiting professors, in addition to
4 its annual Preservation Field Schools, which are intensive
5 summer programs that provide students from Hawaii and all over
6 the world with hands-on experience working with neighborhoods or
7 buildings worthy of documentation and analysis; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Department of American Studies at the
10 University of Hawai`i at Manoa is currently in the process of
11 trying to realign its courses to include Historic Preservation
12 with the required coursework for a prospective degree program
13 within these fields, which would succeed in training museum and
14 historic preservation staff in the State and would be an
15 investment in Hawaii's heritage and future care of its heritage
16 resources; and
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18 WHEREAS, one of the goals of the historic preservation
19 program is the expansion of a community's awareness about the
20 opportunities that exist for preservation within its
21 neighborhood; and
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23 WHEREAS, the current certificate program at the University
24 of Hawai`i at Manoa attempts to keep issues of cultural identity
25 and the recognition of traditional cultural properties at the
26 forefront of discussions and instruction, and are interested in
27 increasing Native and indigenous participation in the respectful
28 presentation and use of Native cultural resources housed within
29 museum collections; and
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31 WHEREAS, these degree programs would establish Hawaii as a
32 leader in heritage issues for the Pacific Rim and would attract
33 students internationally, especially from the Asia Pacific
34 region, and could positively impact Hawaii and other island
35 cultures that are concerned with preserving their heritages and
36 negotiating tourism; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
40 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests
41 the University of Hawai`i to create a four-year degree program
42 within the discipline of Historic Preservation at the University
43 of Hawaii at Manoa; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 3 University of Hawai'i and the Board of Regents of the University
 4 of Hawai'i.
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