
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO CREATE A PRIORITIZED ACTION PLAN FOR PRESERVING ALL BUILDINGS BUILT BEFORE WORLD WAR II THAT ARE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL AND/OR STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

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 Hawai'i Revised Statutes §6E-1, stating
9 in part "the legislature further declares that it is in the
10 public interest to engage in a comprehensive program of historic
11 preservation at all levels of government to promote the use and
12 conservation of such property for the education, inspiration,
13 pleasure, and enrichment of its citizens"; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawai'i 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, President Bush has affirmed the importance of
25 historic preservation when he said, "Anything we can do to
26 preserve our history and share it with the public, especially
27 students, and other young people, is an important service in
28 these challenging times"; and
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1 WHEREAS, less than 5% of Hawai`i's buildings are more than
2 fifty years old; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to
5 preserve the architecture, objects, and sites of the numerous
6 cultures that make up our island community, as preservation of
7 the history of our cultures not only helps to promote the
8 tourism industry, but also helps to preserve for future
9 generations the cultural identities of the various peoples that
10 call Hawai`i home; and
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12 WHEREAS, historic preservation was recognized as an issue
13 of statewide importance through the proclamation of the
14 Governor, declaring May 4th, 2005 as Hawai`i Historic
15 Preservation Awareness Day, and the announcement from the
16 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division of the
17 Department of Land and Natural Resources that 2006 is the Year
18 of Historic Preservation; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the legislature encourages
23 the formation of a task force to create a prioritized action
24 plan to preserve all buildings built before the end of World War
25 II that are considered eligible for the National and/or State
26 Register of Historic Places; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include
29 the co-chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus, a
30 representative from the Historic Hawaii Foundation, a
31 representative from the State Historic Preservation Division of
32 the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and interested
33 members of the general public with backgrounds in fundraising or
34 restoration; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the co-chairs of the
38 Historic Preservation Caucus, the Historic Hawaii Foundation,
39 the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division of
40 the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Speaker of the
41 House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.
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