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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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" (16 U.S.C. 470(b)(2)); and  
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7           WHEREAS, the state of Hawaii recognized this commitment to  
8 historic preservation in section 6E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
9 stating in part "the legislature further declares that it is in  
10 the public interest to engage in a comprehensive program of  
11 historic preservation at all levels of government to promote the  
12 use and conservation of such property for the education,  
13 inspiration, pleasure, and enrichment of its citizens"; and  
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15           WHEREAS, President Bush has affirmed the importance of  
16 historic preservation when he said, "Anything we can do to  
17 preserve our history and share it with the public, especially  
18 students, and other young people, is an important service in  
19 these challenging times"; and  
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21           WHEREAS, Hawaii has a unique and spectacular history found  
22 no where else in the world that should be preserved and shared  
23 for current and future generation and with the millions of  
24 individuals who visit the state each year; and  
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26           WHEREAS, numerous studies show that historic preservation  
27 can benefit the state economically by attracting visitors to  
28 historic sites, creating jobs, and increasing property values  
29 through initiatives such as heritage tourism; and  
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31           WHEREAS, historic preservation needs financial support in  
32 order to preserve and maintain historic sites; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'  
2 State Historic Preservation has an inventory of approximately  
3 38,000 historic places and is expanding at a rate of about 1,000  
4 additional sites per year; and

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6 WHEREAS, the federal government rewards states that  
7 emphasize and fund historic preservation projects through the  
8 Federal Historic Preservation Fund, which provides a two third  
9 match (60% Federal/40% non-Federal) of non-Federal funding  
10 sources for local historic preservation efforts; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the legislature  
15 support historic preservation efforts; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature provide  
18 additional financial support to historic preservation efforts  
19 statewide; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the  
23 House, the President of the Senate, the Chairperson of the House  
24 Finance committee, the Chairperson of the Senate Ways and Means  
25 committee, and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
26 Resources.

