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# SENATE 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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31           WHEREAS, less than 5% of Hawai`i's buildings are more than  
32 fifty years old; and



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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to preserve the architecture, objects, and sites of the numerous cultures that make up our island community, as preservation of the history of our cultures not only helps to promote the tourism industry, but also helps to preserve for future generations the cultural identities of the various peoples that call Hawai`i home; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation was recognized as an issue of statewide importance through the proclamation of the Governor, declaring May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as Hawai`i Historic Preservation Awareness Day, and the announcement from the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources that 2006 is the Year of Historic Preservation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the House of Representatives concurring, that the legislature encourages the formation of a task force to create a prioritized action plan to preserve all buildings built before the end of World War II that are considered eligible for the National and/or State Register of Historic Places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include the co-chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus, a representative from the Historic Hawaii Foundation, a representative from the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and interested members of the general public with backgrounds in fundraising or restoration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the co-chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus, the Historic Hawaii Foundation, the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.



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