
SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE STUDY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AT THE LOWER
LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA WITHIN THE STATE OF
HAWAII.

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

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

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16 WHEREAS, President Bush has affirmed the importance of
17 historic preservation when he said, "Anything we can do to
18 preserve our history and share it with the public, especially
19 students, and other young people, is an important service in
20 these challenging times"; and

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22 WHEREAS, preservationists are increasingly involved in
23 education, both at the K-12 level and in colleges and
24 universities; and

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26 WHEREAS, heritage education is a way of making history and
27 social studies education "come alive" for students, offering
28 experiences that help make the past real for those who visit
29 them; and

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31 WHEREAS, heritage curricula developed by companies such as
32 Teaching with Historical Places, that include walking tours and
33 visits to real historical places "generate excitement and
34 curiosity about the people who lived there and the events that
35 occurred there"; and



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WHEREAS, education with a focus on historic preservation helps to give students a better understanding of their built environment, enhances their appreciation of the past and their culture, and generates a greater interest in the study of history; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, that the Department of Education support the inclusion of historic preservation and heritage education in the curriculum of the lower levels of Hawai'i's educational system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Department of Education and the Board of Education.

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