### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state historic
 preservation division is entrusted with protecting, preserving
 restoring, and maintaining the cultural history and rich
 heritage of the people of Hawaii. To perform its mission, the
 division must undertake a broad range of activities, some of
 which require considerable expertise, including:

- 7 (1) The development of an on-going program of historical,
  8 architectural, and archaeological research and
  9 development;
- 10 (2) The acquisition and preservation of historic or11 cultural properties;
- 12 (3) The development of a statewide survey and inventory13 identifying and documenting historic properties,
- 14 aviation artifacts, and burial sites;
- 15 (4) The preparation, review, and revision of a state
  16 historic preservation plan, including budget
  17 requirements and land use recommendations;



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1	(5)	Application for and receipt of gifts, grants,
2		technical assistance, and other funding from public
3		and private sources;
4	(6)	Coordination of activities of the counties in
5		accordance with the state plan for historic
6		preservation;
7	(7)	Stimulation of public interest in historic
8		preservation;
9	(8)	Coordination of the evaluation and management of
10		burial sites, and acquisition of burial sites to be
11		held in trust; and
12	(9)	Regulation of archaeological activities throughout the
13		state.
14	In addition, the state historic preservation officer, who	
15	administers the division, must serve as state liaison officer	
16	for relations with the federal government and the respective	
17	states involving historic preservation matters.	
18	The	legislature finds that to adequately and successfully
19	administe	r the diverse programs of the historic preservation
20	division,	the state historic preservation officer should have
21	qualifica	tions that include some expertise or experience in one
22	or more o	f the areas of history, archaeology, and architecture,



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as well as in the administration of far-reaching historic
 preservation programs, or similar programs.

The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the programs of the state historic preservation division are administered by an individual with appropriate expertise and experience, by providing for the establishment of a search committee within thirty days of any vacancy in the position of state historic preservation officer, that will conduct a nationwide search for the most qualified candidates for the position.

10 SECTION 2. Section 6E-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 11 amended to read as follows:

12 "[+]§6E-5[+] State historic preservation officer. (a) 13 The governor shall appoint a state historic preservation 14 officer[, and] from the list of five candidates nominated as 15 provided in subsection (b). The governor may appoint the 16 officer without regard to chapter 76, who shall be responsible 17 for the comprehensive historic preservation program and who 18 shall be the state liaison officer for the conduct of relations 19 with the federal government and the respective states with 20 regard to matters of historic preservation. The state historic 21 preservation officer shall be appointed on the basis of 22 professional competence and experience in the field of historic



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1	preservation and shall be placed in the department for the		
2	purposes of the state program.		
3	(b) At any time when the position of state historic		
4	preservation officer becomes vacant, a committee shall be		
5	constituted within thirty days of the vacancy to conduct a		
6	search for qualified candidates to fill the position. The		
7	committee shall be composed of five individuals with knowledge		
8	of historical, architectural, or archaeological research,		
9	development, or preservation, or with experience in the		
10	administration of these or comparable programs. The governor		
11	shall appoint the members of the committee from a list of		
12	fourteen candidates, seven to be nominated by the president of		
13	the senate, and seven to be nominated by the speaker of the		
14	house of representatives.		
15	The committee shall conduct a nationwide search for		
16	qualified candidates. Within ninety days of the date when the		
17	position of state historic preservation officer becomes vacant,		
18	the committee shall submit a list of five candidates to the		
19	governor."		



SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

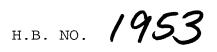
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**Report Title:** Historic Preservation Officer

#### Description:

Provides for the establishment of a search committee within 30 days of a vacancy in the position of Historic Preservation Officer, that will conduct a nationwide search for the most qualified candidates for the position.

