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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO RESEARCH  
AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON HOW BEST TO PROTECT  
HAWAII'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS FROM DEMOLITION.

1 WHEREAS, throughout Hawaii, there are an unknown number of  
2 historically significant buildings that represent an important  
3 cultural resource for both residents and visitors to the State;  
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6 WHEREAS, in an increasingly competitive real estate market,  
7 many of these historic structures face an uncertain future as  
8 properties are sold, long-term leases end, and landowners of  
9 expensive real estate focus on the "highest and best use" in  
10 order to reap maximum financial benefits; and  
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12 WHEREAS, if Hawaii is to retain as many of its historic  
13 buildings as possible, additional protection may be necessary in  
14 order to provide conditions for demolition and review by state  
15 or local preservation commissions; and  
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17 WHEREAS, before additional protection in the form of new  
18 laws, rules, or other intervention measures is considered,  
19 however, important concepts and principles for historic  
20 preservation, the effectiveness of current preservation  
21 statutes, and strategies for change should be fully researched  
22 and developed; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the State Historic  
27 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural  
28 Resources, with the assistance of Historic Hawai'i Foundation,  
29 county governments, and other stakeholders is requested to  
30 research and report to the Legislature on how best to protect  
31 Hawaii's historic buildings from demolition; and  
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- (1) The current status of historic buildings in Hawaii, with special emphasis on those that may be in danger of demolition within the next one, three, five years, and beyond;
- (2) Existing practices at the state and county levels related to demolition of historic buildings;
- (3) Model programs from other states and jurisdictions; and
- (4) Recommendations, including any proposed state and county legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation Division shall report on its recommendations regarding the information requested under this measure to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Executive Director of Historic Hawai'i Foundation; and the Mayors of the respective counties.

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