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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER TO NOMINATE
THE HILO COUNTY JAIL TO THE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

1 WHEREAS, the Hilo County Jail was designed by famed Hawaii
2 architect O.G. Traphagen in the late 1890s; and

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4 WHEREAS, O.G. Traphagen is known for his design and
5 masterful execution of plans for the Palama Fire Station, the
6 Moana Hotel, and the Hackfeld-American Factors Building,
7 Honolulu buildings all completed in 1901-1902; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hilo County Jail was one of his earlier
10 commissions and one of his first to utilize brickwork, a style
11 fully developed in the Palama Fire Station; and

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13 WHEREAS, the brick Hilo County Jail replaced a stone jail
14 built in 1848; and

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16 WHEREAS, records of the Hawaii State Archives show that an
17 1896 bid to construct the new Hilo County Jail was rejected
18 because a previous bid of \$2,425 had already been accepted and
19 the contract awarded, indicating the date of the construction
20 followed shortly after in 1896; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Hilo County Jail is a historical and cultural
23 asset, both for its architecture and its long and colorful
24 history; and

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26 WHEREAS, a structural assessment of the Hilo County Jail
27 indicates repairs are necessary if the facility is to be
28 maintained as an important part of the Big Island's historical
29 and cultural heritage; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
33 that the State Historic Preservation Officer is requested to
34 nominate the Hilo County Jail to the Register of Historic
35 Places; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
2 is requested to assist the State Historic Preservation Officer
3 in compiling the information necessary to nominate the Hilo
4 County Jail to the Register of Historic Places; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation
7 Officer is requested to report to the Legislature no later than
8 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
9 2008, on the status of the nomination of the Hilo County Jail to
10 the Register of Historic Places; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the State Historic Preservation
14 Officer and the Director of Public Safety.

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