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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CREATE A  
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the National  
2 Historic Preservation Act of 1966 states "the historical and  
3 cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a  
4 living part of our community life and development in order to  
5 give a sense of orientation to the American people" and that the  
6 state of Hawai`i recognized this commitment to historic  
7 preservation in H.R.S. §6E-1, stating in part "the legislature  
8 further declares that it is in the public interest to engage in  
9 a comprehensive program of historic preservation at all levels  
10 of government to promote the use and conservation of such  
11 property for the education, inspiration, pleasure, and  
12 enrichment of its citizens."

13           The legislature also finds that historic preservation is a  
14 dynamic field that focuses on the care and management of the  
15 built environment and the protection of other cultural resources  
16 and that the University of Hawaii at Manoa currently offers a  
17 Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation, to be completed



1 alone or in conjunction with another graduate certificate or  
2 degree program. The legislature further finds that the  
3 University's Historic Preservation program has benefited from  
4 the experience and expertise of its faculty and lecturers and  
5 distinguished visiting professors, in addition to its annual  
6 Preservation Field Schools, which are intensive summer programs  
7 that provide students from Hawaii and all over the world with  
8 hands-on experience working with neighborhoods or buildings  
9 worthy of documentation and analysis, and that the Department of  
10 American Studies at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa is  
11 currently in the process of trying to realign its courses to  
12 include Historic Preservation with the required coursework for a  
13 prospective degree program within these fields, which would  
14 succeed in training museum and historic preservation staff in  
15 the State and would be an investment in Hawaii's heritage and  
16 future care of its heritage resources

17 The legislature further finds that these degree programs  
18 would establish Hawaii as a leader in heritage issues for the  
19 Pacific Rim and would attract students internationally,  
20 especially from the Asia Pacific region, and could positively  
21 impact Hawaii and other island cultures that are concerned with  
22 preserving their heritages and negotiating tourism.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for  
2 a full-time professor within the historic preservation  
3 department, which will allow the department to expand from a  
4 certificate program to a 4-year degree program.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for a  
8 full-time professor within the historic preservation department  
9 at the University of Hawaii.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
11 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Education

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to create a four-year degree program in historic preservation at the University of Hawaii.

