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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the story of  
2 Hawaii's World War II Japanese internees has remained largely  
3 unknown for many years. The passage of the Civil Liberties Act  
4 of 1988, and the subsequent search for former internees has led  
5 to an increased awareness of how Hawaii's internees fared, and  
6 the knowledge that many of the former internment camps have  
7 disappeared or will in the near future.

8           The legislature further finds that in January 2007,  
9 President Bush signed into law a bill that creates a \$38,000,000  
10 grant program to help communities preserve the sites where  
11 Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals were incarcerated.  
12 Development of memorials will be eligible for fifty per cent  
13 federal matching funds administered by the National Park  
14 Service.

15           The purpose of this Act is to establish a process to  
16 determine the most appropriate means of memorializing the World  
17 War II Japanese internment camp experience in Hawaii.



1 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources,  
2 with the assistance of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii,  
3 the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition, Historic  
4 Hawaii Foundation, and other organizations as may be  
5 appropriate, shall establish a process to determine the most  
6 appropriate means of memorializing the World War II Japanese  
7 internment camp experience in Hawaii.

8 In doing so, the department shall consider fully:

- 9 (1) Any research, collections, and other information  
10 compiled by cultural and historical organizations or  
11 individuals;
- 12 (2) Information on the size and current condition of the  
13 five known internment camps: Honouliuli Internment  
14 Camp and Sand Island on Oahu, Kilauea Military Camp on  
15 the Big Island, Haiku Internment Camp on Maui, and the  
16 Kalaheo Stockade on Kauai, and recommendations for  
17 preserving the camps, if feasible to do so;
- 18 (3) Cost estimates for the establishment and ongoing  
19 operations of any World War II Japanese internment  
20 camp memorial projects and funding sources, including  
21 potential federal funds; and



1 (4) Recommendations for long-term organizational  
2 management of any World War II Japanese internment  
3 camp memorial.

4 SECTION 3. The department shall report on its findings and  
5 recommendations no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
6 of the 2008 regular session.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
10 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
11 year 2008-2009, for the purposes of this Act.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

Historical Preservation; Japanese Internment Camps in Hawaii

**Description:**

Establishes a process to determine the most appropriate means of memorializing the World War II Japanese internment camp experience in Hawaii. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources. (SB1228 HD1)

