
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 twenty-five per
13 cent matching federal 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 Hawai'i,
3 the Japanese American national heritage coalition, historic
4 Hawai'i 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
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 sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



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. (SD1)

