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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MANOA EXPAND UPON A MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY, THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND THAT THE STATE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION DIVISION REVIVE ITS ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, historic preservation in Hawai'i is presently in a
2 condition of unprecedented confusion and disarray, making it
3 nearly impossible for the State to meet its cultural and
4 historic preservation obligations and legislative mandates to
5 promote the use and conservation of historical properties for
6 the benefit of the various descendent communities; and
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8 WHEREAS, the discovery, identification, and preservation of
9 archaeological sites, human burial sites, and other historic
10 properties are increasingly threatened by economic development;
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13 WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the number of
14 remaining historic properties has diminished significantly due
15 to development and land use practices; and
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17 WHEREAS, with careful planning and open lines of
18 communication among archaeologists, developers, descendent
19 communities, and state officials, a reduced number of historic
20 properties and archaeological or human burial sites would be
21 disturbed; and
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23 WHEREAS, when disturbance of archaeological sites, human
24 burial sites, and other historic properties does occur, the
25 response must be in a culturally sensitive and productive
26 fashion; and
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28 WHEREAS, the severe shortage of historic preservation
29 professionals, particularly credentialed archaeologists, is
30 exacerbating the historic preservation crisis; and
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1 WHEREAS, protecting the State's cultural and historic
2 heritage requires the development of systematic and long-term
3 plans to train the next generation of archaeologists with solid
4 professional skills, ethical standards, and cultural knowledge;
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7 WHEREAS, in order to address the long-term need of training
8 future generations of qualified archaeologists, it is necessary
9 for the University of Hawai'i at Manoa to build upon a master of
10 arts program in applied archaeology and to expand that program
11 to the neighbor island campuses such as the planned graduate
12 program in cultural resources management being developed at the
13 University of Hawai'i at Hilo; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 2006, the State Historic Preservation Division
16 of the Department of Land and Natural Resources convened an
17 archaeological working group; and
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19 WHEREAS, this working group stopped meeting prior to the
20 completion of its findings and recommendations; and
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22 WHEREAS, in order to further the consideration of ongoing
23 and future archaeological issues, this working group should be
24 reconvened with an expanded membership for the purpose of
25 completing its work; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
29 that the University of Hawai'i at Manoa is strongly encouraged to
30 continue to develop and implement a master of arts program in
31 applied archaeology and to expand this program to its neighbor
32 island campuses including the planned graduate program in
33 cultural resources management being developed at the University
34 of Hawai'i at Hilo; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2006 archaeology working
37 group convened by the State Historic Preservation Division of
38 the Department of Land and Natural Resources be reconvened with
39 its first order of business to be the submission of the
40 recommendations of the original working group to the State
41 Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and
42 Natural Resources for possible action; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group,
2 to the extent practicable, should consist of the original
3 members and also include a broader cross-section of the State's
4 historic preservation community, such as representatives of the
5 Kamehameha Schools, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, private
6 cultural resource management firms, and archaeologists and
7 historic preservation officials of state, county, and federal
8 agencies; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group
11 continue its work on providing findings and recommendations
12 regarding ongoing and anticipated issues relating to the
13 discovery and preservation of archaeological and human burial
14 sites and other relevant issues relating to archaeology; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group
17 identify and make recommendations to the Legislature on any
18 professional development and certification requirements that
19 should be established for personnel and contractors of the State
20 Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group
24 identify and make recommendations to the Legislature on
25 potential training and educational opportunities that should be
26 made available to Island Burial Council members to assist them
27 in the performance of their duties; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group is
30 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations
31 to the Legislature, including any proposed legislation, by no
32 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
33 Session of 2010; provided, however, that the reconvened working
34 group shall submit a status report to the Legislature describing
35 the present status of its work by no later than twenty days
36 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
40 Hawai'i, the Chair of the Board of Regents, the Chair of the
41 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Administrator of the
42 State Historic Preservation Division, and the original members



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1 of the archaeological working group convened in 2006 by the
2 State Historic Preservation Division.

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