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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§6E-     Archaeological data survey; designation.   (a)

5           There is established a Hawaii archaeological data survey  
6           designated as a program of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural  
7           and Cultural History. The survey shall be an online database  
8           accessible to the public. The information within the database  
9           may include the collections of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,  
10           publicly available materials, and materials from private entities  
11           or organizations. The database may include archaeological  
12           information including reports, photographs, drawings, maps, and  
13           archived documents. The database may also include compilations  
14           of collections information from public and private repositories  
15           including:

16           (1) A description of the types and amounts of materials  
17           and associated documentation in each collection;



- 1        (2) A listing of the owner or owners of all materials and  
2        associated documentation in each collection;  
3        (3) A general assessment of the condition of the  
4        components of each collection; and  
5        (4) Other relevant information pertaining to each  
6        collection.

7        The data survey shall be developed and maintained in  
8        consultation with the state historic preservation division and  
9        other appropriate state and federal agencies and private  
10       organizations.

11       (b) The archaeological data survey shall not include any  
12       information required to remain confidential under federal,  
13       state, or municipal laws, rules, or regulations.

14       (c) The State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural  
15       History, in consultation with the office of Hawaiian affairs and  
16       the state historic preservation division, may temporarily or  
17       permanently withhold from the database any information due to a  
18       valid threat, or if disclosure may frustrate the legitimate and  
19       necessary function of protecting a valuable archaeological site  
20       or artifact. The entities shall determine what information  
21       shall be withheld from the data survey; provided that prior



1 consultation is sought with any affected state or federal  
2 governmental agencies, or private individuals or organizations."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Archaeological Data Survey; Established

**Description:**

Establishes an archaeological data survey as an online database program under the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Authorizes the museum, in consultation with the office of Hawaiian affairs and the state historic preservation division to withhold information from the database if a disclosure may pose a threat to a site or artifact. (SD1)

