
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that historic
2 preservation in Hawai'i is presently in a condition of
3 unprecedented confusion and disarray, making it nearly
4 impossible for the State to meet its cultural obligations and
5 legislative mandates to manage historical properties for the
6 benefit of the various descendent communities. The discovery,
7 identification, and preservation of archaeological sites, human
8 burial sites, and other historic properties are increasingly
9 threatened.

10 The recent acceleration of economic development, which
11 often requires cultural resource management, shows no signs of
12 abating in the foreseeable future. The legislature further
13 finds that with careful planning and open lines of communication
14 among archaeologists, developers, descendent communities, and
15 state officials, few properties and sites would be disturbed.
16 When disturbance does occur, response must be in a culturally
17 sensitive and productive fashion.



1 The legislature further finds that exacerbating the
2 historic preservation crisis is the severe shortage of historic
3 preservation professionals, particularly credentialed
4 archaeologists. Protecting the State's cultural and historic
5 heritage requires the development of systematic and long-term
6 plans to train the next generation of archaeologists with solid
7 professional skills, ethical standards, and cultural knowledge.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish a master of arts
9 graduate program in applied archaeology at the University of
10 Hawai'i at Manoa, with the intent of reaching students and
11 professionals on the neighbor island campuses as well.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart M, to be
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§304A- Applied archaeology program; established. (a)

16 There is established at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa a
17 graduate program, under the department of anthropology, in
18 applied archaeology that shall offer a master of arts degree to
19 qualified candidates upon completion of the program.

20 (b) Enrollment in the applied archaeology graduate program
21 shall give priority to students who work or intend to work
22 immediately upon graduation in Hawai'i's public and private



1 sectors in cultural resource management archaeology or other
2 historic preservation fields.

3 (c) The curriculum of the applied archaeology graduate
4 program, among other courses as determined by the department of
5 anthropology, shall teach and train students historic
6 preservation archaeology, including but not limited to the:

7 (1) Academic and technical aspects of archaeology;

8 (2) Practical training necessary to become competent
9 public and private sector archaeologists in cultural
10 resource management and historic preservation;

11 (3) Legal and regulatory contexts of cultural resource
12 management archaeology;

13 (4) Methods of conducting field studies of archaeological
14 sites and other historic properties; and

15 (5) Analysis and preparation of written reports pursuant
16 to cultural resource management studies that may be
17 required by law.

18 (d) Students awarded a master of arts degree in the
19 applied archaeology graduate program shall possess national
20 level competencies needed to staff the various private cultural
21 resource management firms and government agencies that employ



1 cultural resource management archaeologists and other historic
2 preservation professionals.

3 (e) The University of Hawai'i at Manoa shall establish a
4 full-time equivalent non-tenure tract position for an
5 archaeologist-in-residence; full-time equivalent tenure tract
6 position for a Pacific archaeologist; four graduate internships
7 per year in applied archaeology; and one program coordinator for
8 the master of arts in applied archaeology.

9 (f) The University of Hawai'i at Manoa shall develop a plan
10 to establish course offerings through the applied archaeological
11 program at campuses on the neighbor islands."

12 SECTION 3. In conjunction with the applied archaeological
13 program, the state historic preservation division shall plan,
14 conduct, and otherwise sponsor two community workshops in
15 2008-2009 to:

16 (1) Revive the 2006 state historic preservation division's
17 archaeological working group, compile and amend its
18 recommendations, and complete its report; provided
19 that the working group shall report to the legislature
20 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2009 on the outcomes as
22 contained in the report;



1 (2) Expand the membership of the working group to include
2 a broader cross-section of the State's historic
3 preservation community, for example, Kamehameha
4 Schools, the office of Hawaiian affairs,
5 archaeologists from private cultural resource
6 management firms, and archaeologists and historic
7 preservation officials of state, county, and federal
8 agencies; and

9 (3) Identify professional development and certification
10 requirements that should be established for personnel
11 of the state historic preservation division and
12 contractors of the division; and

13 (4) Identify possible training and educational
14 opportunities to be offered to burial council members
15 to assist them in performing their duties.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
19 the applied archaeology program at the University of Hawai'i at
20 Manoa.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
22 Hawai'i at Manoa for the purposes of this Act.



- 1 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
- 3 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

UH; Archaeology Graduate Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes an applied archaeology graduate program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; makes appropriation. (SD1)

