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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA EXPAND UPON A MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY, THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII 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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1 WHEREAS, the severe shortage of historic preservation
2 professionals, particularly credentialed archaeologists, is
3 exacerbating the historic preservation crisis; and
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5 WHEREAS, protecting the State's cultural and historic
6 heritage requires the development of systematic and long-term
7 plans to train the next generation of archaeologists with solid
8 professional skills, ethical standards, and cultural knowledge;
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11 WHEREAS, in order to address the long-term need of training
12 future generations of qualified archaeologists, it is necessary
13 for the University of Hawai'i at Manoa to build upon a master of
14 arts program in applied archaeology and to expand that program
15 to the neighbor island campuses such as the planned graduate
16 program in cultural resources management being developed at the
17 University of Hawai'i at Hilo; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2006, the State Historic Preservation Division
20 of the Department of Land and Natural Resources convened an
21 archaeological working group; and
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23 WHEREAS, this working group stopped meeting prior to the
24 completion of its findings and recommendations; and
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26 WHEREAS, in order to further the consideration of ongoing
27 and future archaeological issues, this working group should be
28 reconvened with an expanded membership for the purpose of
29 completing its work; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
34 Hawai'i at Manoa is strongly encouraged to continue to develop
35 and implement a master of arts program in applied archaeology
36 and to expand this program to its neighbor island campuses
37 including the planned graduate program in cultural resources
38 management being developed at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo;
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2006 archaeology working
42 group convened by the State Historic Preservation Division of
43 the Department of Land and Natural Resources be reconvened with



1 its first order of business to be the submission of the
2 recommendations of the original working group to the State
3 Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and
4 Natural Resources for possible action; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group,
7 to the extent practicable, should consist of the original
8 members and also include a broader cross-section of the State's
9 historic preservation community, such as representatives of the
10 Kamehameha Schools, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, private
11 cultural resource management firms, and archaeologists and
12 historic preservation officials of state, county, and federal
13 agencies; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group
16 continue its work on providing findings and recommendations
17 regarding ongoing and anticipated issues relating to the
18 discovery and preservation of archaeological and human burial
19 sites and other relevant issues relating to archaeology; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group
22 identify and make recommendations to the Legislature on any
23 professional development and certification requirements that
24 should be established for personnel and contractors of the State
25 Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and
26 Natural Resources; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group
29 identify and make recommendations to the Legislature on
30 potential training and educational opportunities that should be
31 made available to Island Burial Council members to assist them
32 in the performance of their duties; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group is
35 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations
36 to the Legislature, including any proposed legislation, by no
37 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
38 Session of 2010; provided, however, that the reconvened working
39 group shall submit a status report to the Legislature describing
40 the present status of its work by no later than twenty days
41 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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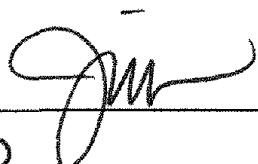
43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
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1 University of Hawai'i, the Chair of the Board of Regents, the
2 Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the
3 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division, and
4 the original members of the archaeological working group
5 convened in 2006 by the State Historic Preservation Division.

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