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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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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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 is  
16 requested to continue its work on providing findings and  
17 recommendations regarding ongoing and anticipated issues  
18 relating to the discovery and preservation of archaeological and  
19 human burial sites and other relevant issues relating to  
20 archaeology; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group is  
23 requested to identify and make recommendations to the  
24 Legislature on any professional development and certification  
25 requirements that should be established for personnel and  
26 contractors of the State Historic Preservation Division of the  
27 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group is  
30 requested to identify and make recommendations to the  
31 Legislature on potential training and educational opportunities  
32 that should be made available to Island Burial Council members  
33 to assist them in the performance of their duties; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconvened working group is  
36 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
37 to the Legislature, including any proposed legislation, by no  
38 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
39 Session of 2010; provided, however, that the reconvened working  
40 group shall submit a status report to the Legislature describing  
41 the present status of its work by no later than twenty days  
42 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and  
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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
3 University of Hawai'i, the Chair of the Board of Regents, the  
4 Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the  
5 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division, and  
6 the original members of the archaeological working group  
7 convened in 2006 by the State Historic Preservation Division.

