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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO COMPLETE THE 2006 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP'S REPORT AND EXPAND THE WORKING GROUP AND TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA'S APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM TO DEVELOP AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

1 WHEREAS, historic preservation in Hawaii is presently in a
2 condition of unprecedented confusion and disarray, making it
3 nearly impossible for the State to meet its cultural obligations
4 and legislative mandates to manage historical properties for the
5 benefit of the various descendent communities; and

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7 WHEREAS, the discovery, identification, and preservation of
8 archaeological sites, human burial sites, and other historic
9 properties are increasingly threatened; and

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11 WHEREAS, the recent acceleration of development, which
12 often requires cultural resource management, shows no signs of
13 abating in the foreseeable future; and

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15 WHEREAS, with careful planning and open lines of
16 communication among archaeologists, developers, descendent
17 communities, and state officials, few properties and sites would
18 be disturbed, and when disturbance does occur, response must be
19 in a culturally sensitive and productive fashion; and

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21 WHEREAS, the severe shortage of historic preservation
22 professionals, particularly credentialed archaeologists,
23 exacerbates the historic preservation crisis; and

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25 WHEREAS, protecting the State's cultural and historic
26 heritage requires support of university programs to train the
27 next generation of archaeologists with solid professional
28 skills, ethical standards, and cultural knowledge; now,
29 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Historic
5 Preservation Division is requested to:

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7 (1) Revive the 2006 archaeological working group, compile
8 and amend its recommendations, and complete its
9 report; provided that the working group shall report
10 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
11 the convening of the Regular Session of 2010 on the
12 outcomes as contained in the report; and

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14 (2) Expand the membership of the working group to include
15 a broader cross-section of the State's historic
16 preservation community, such as, Kamehameha Schools,
17 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, archaeologists from
18 private cultural resource management firms, and
19 archaeologists and historic preservation officials of
20 state, county, and federal agencies; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conjunction with the
23 University of Hawaii at Manoa's applied archaeology graduate
24 program, the State Historic Preservation Division is requested
25 to:

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27 (1) Develop a plan for an applied archaeology internship
28 program that will be accessible to students throughout
29 the system;

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31 (2) Identify professional development and certification
32 requirements that should be established for personnel
33 of the State Historic Preservation Division and
34 contractors of the Division; and

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36 (3) Identify possible training and educational
37 opportunities to be offered to Burial Council members
38 to assist them in performing their duties; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator for
42 the State Historic Preservation Division and the Faculty
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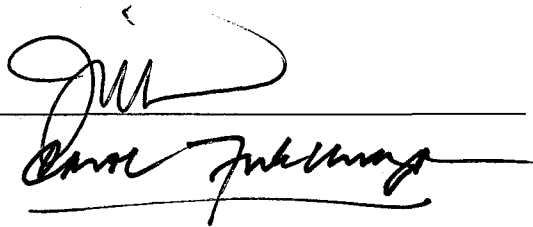




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