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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A MUSEUM ARTIFACT AND ARCHIVAL CONSERVATION SUMMIT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the high cost of
2 preserving artifacts and archival documents, combined with
3 economic difficulties, have forced museums and conservation
4 organizations in Hawaii to sell artifacts and archival documents
5 in their collections or refuse to accept new items. The
6 legislature further finds that many of these items are of
7 historic and cultural significance to Hawaii and should be
8 preserved.

9 The purpose of this Act is to organize a museum artifact
10 and archival conservation summit to develop a strategy for
11 storing and preserving the historic artifacts and materials of
12 Hawaii.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The department of accounting and general
14 services shall organize a museum artifact and archival
15 conservation summit.

16 (b) The comptroller shall establish a summit planning
17 committee that shall consist of up to nine members and shall
18 include:



- 1 (1) A representative of the department of accounting and
2 general services, archives division, to be appointed
3 by the comptroller, and who shall serve as chairperson
4 of the committee;
- 5 (2) A representative of the public library system, to be
6 appointed by the superintendent of education;
- 7 (3) A representative of the University of Hawaii
8 department of anthropology, to be appointed by the
9 president of the University of Hawaii;
- 10 (4) A representative of the University of Hawaii library
11 and information science program, to be appointed by
12 the president of the University of Hawaii;
- 13 (5) A representative of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum
14 shall be invited to serve;
- 15 (6) A representative of the Historic Hawaii Foundation
16 shall be invited to serve; and
- 17 (7) Three representatives of Hawaii's community
18 collections and archival organizations shall be
19 invited to serve.
- 20 (c) No later than July 1, 2010, the summit planning
21 committee shall organize and convene a museum artifact and
22 archival conservation summit to which shall be invited:



- 1 (1) Private museums, libraries, and conservation,
2 curatorial, and collection organizations;
3 (2) Information technology companies; and
4 (3) Energy and engineering companies that provide services
5 to organizations that store, protect, and restore
6 artifacts and archival resources.

7 (d) The museum artifact and archival conservation summit
8 shall:

- 9 (1) Identify challenges, opportunities, and technologies
10 necessary to create adequate facilities and public-
11 private partnerships for storing and preserving
12 historic artifacts and archival resources in Hawaii;
13 and

- 14 (2) Recommend proposed legislation and administrative
15 rules.

16 (e) The comptroller shall report the findings and
17 recommendations, including proposed legislation, of the museum
18 artifact and archival conservation summit to the legislature no
19 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
20 session of 2011.

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

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Report Title:

Museum Artifact and Archival Conservation Summit

Description:

Directs the department of accounting and general services to organize a museum artifact and archival conservation summit.

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