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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.

