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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP TO RECOMMEND  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE INCLUDING  
LICENSING AND PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.

1           WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division of the  
2 Department of Land and Natural Resources is charged with  
3 accepting archaeological reports that meet the requirements of  
4 title 13, chapters 275, 276, 280, and 284, Hawaii Administrative  
5 Rules; and

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7           WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division of the  
8 Department of Land and Natural Resources is also charged with  
9 permitting archaeological work in the State of Hawaii in  
10 accordance with the requirements of title 13, chapter 282,  
11 Hawaii Administrative Rules; and

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13           WHEREAS, the adequacy of some archaeological inventory  
14 surveys that meet the requirements of title 13, chapter 275,  
15 Hawaii Administrative Rules, has been challenged by  
16 archaeologists, native Hawaiians, and developers; and

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18           WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division is  
19 authorized by section 6E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to adopt  
20 administrative rules; and

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22           WHEREAS, an archaeological working group was created in  
23 2006 to address deficiencies in the State Historic Preservation  
24 Program; and

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26           WHEREAS, there was agreement that archaeological practices,  
27 including reporting, survey practices, and accreditation could  
28 be improved, but no action items were generated; and

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30           WHEREAS, the profession of archaeology is currently not  
31 licensed; and

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1 WHEREAS, licensing of the archaeology profession could  
2 result in increased professionalism and greater consistency in  
3 the quality of the research and analysis in the reports; and  
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5 WHEREAS, there is a broad constituency interested in  
6 preserving archaeological sites; and  
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8 WHEREAS, many developers and landowners are interested in  
9 preserving their rights to develop land with archaeological  
10 sites; and  
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12 WHEREAS, all of these constituents should have input into  
13 the development of archaeological guidelines for the State of  
14 Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
19 Natural Resources establish an archaeological working group to  
20 build on the work of the 2006 archaeological working group in  
21 the area of developing professional practice guidelines for  
22 archaeological work in Hawaii; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of this  
25 archaeological working group shall include staff from the State  
26 Historic Preservation Division, a representative of the Island  
27 Burial Council, two representatives from the Society for  
28 Hawaiian Archaeology, a representative from the military  
29 branches; one representative from the Association of Hawaiian  
30 Civic Clubs, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce and  
31 two representatives designated by the Chairperson of the Board  
32 of the Land and Natural Resources; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the  
35 archaeological working group is limited to creating guidelines  
36 to professionalize the practice of archaeology in Hawaii. In  
37 assessing practices and establishing archaeological guidelines,  
38 the archaeological working group is also urged to make  
39 recommendations on licensing and professional oversight for  
40 archaeology in Hawaii and to make recommendations as to the  
41 appropriate agency to oversee the regulation of licensing the  
42 profession of archaeology. In making recommendations, the  
43 archaeological working group shall acknowledge balance between  
44 research, preservation, and land development that provides

1 guidance and consistency for both the State Historic  
2 Preservation Division and developers; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the archaeological working  
5 group provide a report of its findings and recommendations to  
6 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
7 of the 2011 Regular Session; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
11 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of the  
12 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the State  
13 Auditor.

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15 OFFERED BY: Caleb M. Ay

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