
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COMPLETE A STATEWIDE SURVEY AND INVENTORY TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT HISTORIC PROPERTIES, AVIATION, ARTIFACTS, AND BURIAL SITES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION RELATING TO THE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF HAWAIIANS AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

1 WHEREAS, state law expressly acknowledges the value of
2 conserving and developing the historic and cultural property
3 within the State for the public good, and recognizes that the
4 historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its most
5 important assets; and
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7 WHEREAS, among other duties, the Historic Preservation
8 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
9 required to:

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- 11 (1) Develop an on-going program of historical,
12 architectural, and archaeological research and
13 development relating to the State's historical and
14 cultural resources;
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- 16 (2) Develop a statewide survey and inventory to identify
17 and document historic property, aviation artifacts,
18 and burial sites, including all those owned by the
19 State and the counties;
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- 21 (3) Coordinate the evaluation and management of burial
22 sites, many of which contain native Hawaiian skeletal
23 remains; and
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- 25 (4) Develop and adopt, in consultation with the Office of
26 Hawaiian Affairs Native Historic Preservation Council,
27 rules governing permits for access by native Hawaiians
28 and Hawaiians to cultural, historic, and pre-contact
29 sites and monuments; and
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1 WHEREAS, in recent years, the Historic Preservation
2 Division has come under criticism for the handling of historic
3 sites and ancient human remains, including the improper re-
4 internment of historic artifacts, particularly native Hawaiian
5 iwi, or skeletal remains, and their associated burial goods; and
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7 WHEREAS, interested parties, especially native Hawaiian
8 groups, organizations, and individuals, have expressed concern
9 with the Historic Preservation Division's inappropriate
10 treatment of historic heiau, missing archaeological reports, and
11 incomplete inventory of historic sites, in particular native
12 Hawaiian human skeletal remains and associated burial goods;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2010, that the Historic Preservation Division of the
18 Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to
19 complete a statewide survey and inventory to identify and
20 document historic properties, burial goods and sites, and human
21 skeletal remains that are held by the State or by any third
22 party, but under the control of the State; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation
25 Division is requested to complete an initial survey and
26 inventory of historic properties, burial goods and sites, and
27 human skeletal remains that are of cultural important and
28 significance to the Hawaiian community; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Historic Preservation Division
31 is requested to complete its initial survey relating to historic
32 preservation of property and items relating to Hawaiians by no
33 later than December 31, 2010; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Historic Preservation Division
36 is requested to submit to this body an initial report of
37 findings, including an inventory to identify and document the
38 historic properties as required under section 6E-3, Hawaii
39 Revised Statutes, no later the twenty days prior to the
40 convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Historic Preservation Division
43 is requested to submit to this body a final report of findings,
44 including an inventory to identify and document all historic



1 properties, aviation artifacts, and burial sites, including all
 2 those owned by the State and counties as required under section
 3 6E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, no later than twenty days prior
 4 to the convening of the regular session of the 2012 legislature;
 5 provided that if any historic properties, including burial goods
 6 and sites, and human skeletal remains that are of cultural
 7 important and significance to the Hawaiian community, are
 8 identified subsequent to the initial report, these historic
 9 properties shall be included in the final report and inventory;
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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 14 Land and Natural Resources, the State Historic Preservation
 15 Officer, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
 16 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who in turn is requested to transmit
 17 copies to the appropriate native Hawaiian and Hawaiian
 18 organizations and entities.

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