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SENATE 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

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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
19 and Natural Resources establish an archaeological working group
20 to 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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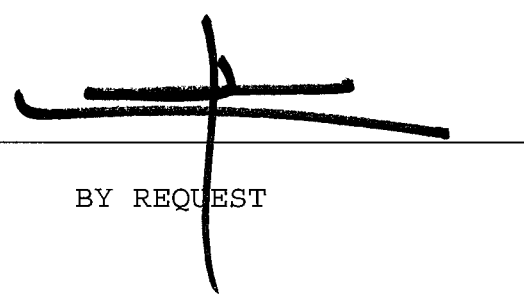
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