
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASED FEES TO HELP SUPPORT
A FULLY STAFFED STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION
PROGRAM.

- 1 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 13-282-4, Hawaii
2 Administrative Rules, the fee for an archaeological permit
3 application is \$50; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 13-284-4, Hawaii
6 Administrative Rules, the fees range from \$25 to \$450 for
7 various historic preservation reviews; and
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- 9 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 13-275-4, Hawaii
10 Administrative Rules, filing fees for reviews of reports and
11 plans for governmental projects also range from \$25 to \$450; and
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- 13 WHEREAS, these fees have not been increased in many years;
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- 16 WHEREAS, in recent years, the State Historic Preservation
17 Division has faced a growing workload, while dealing with
18 reductions in personnel and budget cuts; and
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- 20 WHEREAS, an analysis of the required activities undertaken
21 by the State Historic Preservation Division indicates that
22 significant regulatory costs are derived from the review of
23 documents, reports, and plans, and to a lesser degree from
24 issuing annual permits; and
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- 26 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that consideration should
27 be given to reasonable increases in the fees charged by the
28 State Historic Preservation Division in compliance with chapter
29 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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1 WHEREAS, in order to determine fee increases that are
2 realistic but not prohibitive, actual data is necessary to
3 support any such fee increases; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
8 and Natural Resources is requested to develop recommendations
9 for increased fees to help support a fully staffed State
10 Historic Preservation Division program; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
13 Natural Resources is requested to develop the recommendations
14 for increased fees with assistance from the Society for Hawaiian
15 Archaeology, Historic Hawaii Foundation, advocates of historic
16 preservation, and other interested parties; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
19 Natural Resources is requested to pursue its recommended fee
20 increases to partially defray the costs of administering
21 sections 6E-3(13), 6E-8, and 6E-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
22 through amendments to rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91,
23 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
26 Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and
27 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
28 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013,
29 including:
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- 31 (1) Statistics on the numbers and types of documents
32 currently reviewed, the fees received over the last
33 three years, and rough estimates of staff time
34 required; and
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36 (2) The status of any amendments to the Department's
37 Hawaii Administrative Rules; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
41 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the President of the Board
42 of Directors of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology, and the
43 Executive Director of the Historic Hawaii Foundation.

