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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL TASK  
FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION.

1 WHEREAS, certain places in Hawaii are of paramount  
2 importance for their historical and cultural significance, such  
3 as the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-  
4 Kona, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hulihe'e Palace is located in historic Kailua-Kona,  
7 Hawai'i, on Ali'i Drive, the former vacation home of Hawaiian  
8 royalty, and has been converted to a museum run by the Daughters  
9 of Hawai'i, showcasing furniture and artifacts; and

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11 WHEREAS, as "The Museum of Hawai'i", the Bernice Pauahi  
12 Bishop Museum's mission is to be a gathering place and  
13 educational center that actively engages people in the  
14 presentation, exploration, and preservation of Hawaii's cultural  
15 heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures  
16 throughout the Pacific; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum is statutorily designated as the  
19 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; and

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21 WHEREAS, Washington Place is where Queen Lili'uokalani was  
22 arrested during the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and later  
23 became the official residence of the Governor of Hawaii; and

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25 WHEREAS, Bishop Museum is a National Historic Landmark,  
26 designated in 2007; and

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28 WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace was the official residence of  
29 Hawaiian Royalty where official functions were performed and,  
30 dignitaries and luminaries from around the world were received  
31 and entertained often and lavishly; and

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33 WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace was the center of social and  
34 political life for the Kingdom of Hawaii; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace,  
2 Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace are landmark treasures that  
3 preserve and perpetuate the Hawaiian cultural heritage, and  
4 provide an incomparable attraction and culturally appropriate  
5 experience for visitors; and

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7 WHEREAS, to perpetuate and preserve the Bernice Pauahi  
8 Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani  
9 Palace, these sites need a perpetual funding mechanism; now,  
10 therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,  
14 that the Governor is requested to convene a Governor's Special  
15 Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Special Task  
18 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation develop a plan  
19 to provide fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding  
20 for each of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace,  
21 Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Governor's  
24 Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation  
25 include a designee of the Governor; the Chairperson of the Board  
26 of Land and Natural Resources; Comptroller; one Senator to be  
27 selected by the President of the Senate; one Representative to  
28 be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and  
29 one representative from each of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop  
30 Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace, to  
31 be selected by the Governor; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Governor's  
34 Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation  
35 select a Chairperson from amongst themselves; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Special Task  
38 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation report to the  
39 Legislature its findings and recommendations no later than  
40 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
41 2013; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Special Task  
2 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation be dissolved  
3 upon the filing of its report to the Legislature; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
7 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Comptroller, and the heads  
8 or curators of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace,  
9 Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace.

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