
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN THE REFLECTING POOLS SURROUNDING THE STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, the State Capitol is listed on the Hawaii and
2 National Registers of Historic Places; and
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4 WHEREAS, the architecture of the State Capitol reflects the
5 cultural, social, geographic, and historical significance of
6 Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, the reflecting pools surrounding the State Capitol
9 stand for the Pacific Ocean that symbolizes Hawaii's unique
10 geography as an island state; and
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12 WHEREAS, the reflecting pools are in need of repair and
13 maintenance work to prevent its waters from leaking into the
14 underlying chamber level of the State Capitol building and to
15 avoid further damage to offices and corrosion to electrical
16 conduits and air conditioning ducts; and
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18 WHEREAS, the waterproof membrane under the reflecting pools
19 has not been replaced since the State Capitol building was
20 opened on March 16, 1969; and
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22 WHEREAS, the reflecting pools cannot be abandoned or
23 neglected because the State Historic Preservation Division deems
24 them to be a "character-defining element" of the State Capitol;
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27 WHEREAS, the management of the State Capitol building falls
28 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Accounting and
29 General Services; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
4 Session of 2013, that the Department of Accounting and General
5 Services is requested to develop a plan to repair and maintain
6 the reflecting pools surrounding the State Capitol; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation
9 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
10 requested to cooperate with the Department of Accounting and
11 General Services in developing the plan; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
14 and General Services and the State Historic Preservation
15 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources are
16 requested to seek any required approvals from the City and
17 County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting, the
18 National Register of Historic Places, and any other appropriate
19 agency; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
22 and General Services is requested to implement the plan once the
23 required approvals are obtained; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
26 and General Services and the State Historic Preservation
27 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources are
28 each requested to report to the Legislature on their progress no
29 later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
30 legislative session until the repair work is complete; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, the Chairperson of
34 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Administrator of
35 the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of
36 Land and Natural Resources, the Director of the City and County
37 of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting, the Program
38 Manager of the National Register of Historic Places, and the
39 United States Secretary of the Interior.
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