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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPLEMENT NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL MONITORING PROGRAMS AND URGING THE CREATION OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 6E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO INCLUDE CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES REGARDING NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL MONITORING.

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring is not required by any laws relating to pre-construction archaeological surveys and investigations in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring is not legally required on excavation, demolition, or construction projects in historic and culturally sensitive areas, as identified by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the State Historic Preservation Division, or Native Hawaiian organizations, descendants, or cultural practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring of construction projects involving excavation sometimes comes about as a result of mitigation agreements, lawsuit settlements, or voluntary agreements between Native Hawaiian organizations and developers, owners, or contractors pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; and

WHEREAS, the use of Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring in areas identified to be culturally significant is a necessary activity ensuring protection, preservation, compliance, respect, and culturally appropriate treatment of historic and culturally significant Native Hawaiian resources, artifacts, and iwi kupuna; and

WHEREAS, the use of Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring over the last 25 years has increased and has been successfully integrated into projects involving the United States Department

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of Defense, federal and state Departments of Transportation, counties, and private industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes the importance and necessity of Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring to respect, honor, protect, preserve, and manage Native Hawaiian historic and cultural resources including iwi kupuna; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the increasing implementation and integration of Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring in public and private development projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring be recognized as an essential activity, along with required archaeological inventory surveys, for construction projects in culturally significant areas; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges federal, state, and county agencies to develop and implement Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring programs for all projects in historically sensitive areas in collaboration with developers, contractors, owners, and Native Hawaiian organizations, descendants, and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee composed of state Senate and House of Representatives members be formed to create a proposed bill for the Regular Session of 2014 to amend chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include, criteria and guidelines pertinent to Native Hawaiian cultural monitoring; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian

Affairs, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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