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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO CHOOSE A LOCATION FOR, BUILD, AND OPERATE AN INFORMATIONAL KIOSK FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF HONOLULU.

1           WHEREAS, a dense array of unique historic sites, each  
2 pivotal to the social and political legacy of Hawaii, has  
3 accumulated within a small number of street blocks in urban  
4 Honolulu; and

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6           WHEREAS, these historic sites include the Iolani Palace,  
7 the Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives,  
8 Kawaiahao Church, Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Washington Place,  
9 the State Capitol Building, the Kamehameha Statue, Honolulu City  
10 Hall, and numerous other sites whose aesthetics and narratives  
11 render prime visitor destinations for tourists and local  
12 residents alike; and

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14           WHEREAS, transportation difficulties afflicting the  
15 historic district - including parking limitations, heavy  
16 traffic, bus delays, taxi costs, and confusing one way streets -  
17 lead visitors to often condense visits to many historic sites  
18 into a single trip and to travel between the sites by foot; and

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20           WHEREAS, due to funding restraints and advertisement costs,  
21 many of the nonprofit foundations supporting these historic  
22 sites cannot afford sufficient publicity, and thus their  
23 enriching exhibits and presentations often fail to enter the  
24 general public's colloquium as tourist attractions and household  
25 names; and

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27           WHEREAS, locals and visitors benefit substantially from  
28 exposure to these cultural gems; a greater understanding of the  
29 historic trajectory of Hawaii and its significance to national  
30 and international affairs could broaden public patronage,  
31 thereby assisting the educational nonprofits that support our  
32 historic sites to remain solvent through frequent economic  
33 hardships; and

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1 WHEREAS, information conveyed through this public kiosk  
 2 could be presented either through the interpersonal medium of  
 3 human attendants or through the electronic medium of an  
 4 interactive digital display, as costs and efficiency permit;  
 5 now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
 8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,  
 9 that the Department of Accounting and General Services and the  
 10 Hawaii Tourism Authority are urged to choose a location for,  
 11 build, and operate an informational kiosk available to the  
 12 public that is physically located in the heart of Honolulu's  
 13 historic district; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this public  
 16 informational kiosk be obtained from specific reserves derived  
 17 from tourism, such as the transient accommodations tax or other  
 18 domain-relevant sources; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be  
 21 transmitted to the Comptroller and the President of the Hawaii  
 22 Tourism Authority.

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OFFERED BY: Will Eyo  
  


