
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CHOOSE A LOCATION FOR, BUILD,
AND OPERATE AN INFORMATIONAL KIOSK FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE
HAWAII CAPITAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.

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 is urged
10 to convene a working group to choose a location for, build, and
11 operate an informational kiosk available to the public that is
12 physically located in the Hawaii Capital Historic District; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include
15 representatives from the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the City and
16 County of Honolulu, and interested private entities; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
19 and General Services is requested to submit a report to the
20 Legislature within six months of the adoption of this measure
21 that contains the working group's plan for building, operating,
22 and funding an informational kiosk in the Hawaii Capital
23 Historic District; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, President of the
27 Hawaii Tourism Authority, and Mayor of the City and County of
28 Honolulu.
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