
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Eternal Flame memorial, honoring men and
2 women who served in the armed forces, is currently located on
3 Beretania street, across from the state capitol building. In
4 contrast, The Korean/Vietnam War memorial is located along
5 Richards street and the walkway behind the state capitol, a
6 quiet and peaceful oasis on the grounds of the capitol building.
7 The legislature finds that this walkway, also known as Hotel
8 street mall, is a more appropriate place of reflection for a
9 memorial. Therefore, the legislature finds that relocating the
10 Eternal Flame memorial to the walkway behind the state capitol
11 building and designating the length of the walkway between
12 Richards street and Punchbowl street as Memorial Mall is a more
13 appropriate and meaningful tribute to Hawaii's men and women who
14 served in the armed forces.

15 The legislature further finds that the Spirit of
16 Lili'uokalani statue that is located in the walkway behind the
17 capitol building would be more appropriately located at the
18 current site of the Eternal Flame memorial. In its current



1 location, the statue of Queen Lili'uokalani inappropriately faces
2 away from 'Iolani Palace where she reigned over the Hawaiian
3 kingdom and was unjustly deposed. By relocating her statue to
4 the site of the Eternal Flame, Queen Lili'uokalani would face the
5 capitol building, representing the future of her people, and
6 would also face 'Iolani Palace where she once ruled the Hawaiian
7 kingdom. Even more, this site is next to Washington place,
8 which was Queen Lili'uokalani's home and is across the street
9 from The Queen's Medical Center where she was born.

10 Further, to instill the history of the Hawaiian kingdom in
11 perpetuity, the legislature finds that bronze plaques depicting
12 each of the former rulers of the Hawaiian kingdom should be
13 placed on the wall behind the current location of the Eternal
14 Flame memorial. Fitting artifacts for this wahi pana, or legacy
15 site, are kahili. Kahili are feathered standards - symbols of
16 rank that were displayed at ceremonial gatherings of chiefs and
17 rulers and are exceptionally unique to Hawaii. The legislature
18 further finds that portraying the Hawaiian rulers attended by
19 bronze kahili along with a plaque of their likeness would bring
20 historic validation to the former nation of Hawaii.

21 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Designate the walkway behind the capitol building as
- 2 Memorial Mall; and
- 3 (2) Create a ho'onocho pono working group to interchange the
- 4 Eternal Flame memorial with the Spirit of Queen
- 5 Lili'uokalani statue and to create a monument
- 6 respecting the former Hawaiian rulers to be placed
- 7 with Queen Lili'uokalani's statue.

8 SECTION 2. Section 6E-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[~~§~~6E-34~~]~~ **Capitol site.** (a) The portion of the
11 "Honolulu Civic Center" adopted by the Honolulu city planning
12 commission on February 23, 1945, as the master plan for the city
13 and county of Honolulu after a public hearing on February 1,
14 1945, for the executive-legislative center, specifically that
15 area of Honolulu bounded by Richards, Beretania, Punchbowl, and
16 Hotel Streets, for which lands have been acquired and
17 preliminary plans have been designed pursuant to Act 401,
18 Session Laws of Hawaii 1949, is designated as the capitol site
19 for the State.

20 (b) The Hotel street mall running between Richards street
21 and Punchbowl street shall be designated as Memorial Mall. All
22 future war memorials sited on state capitol grounds shall only



1 be placed in proximity to or along Memorial Mall. All other
2 monuments placed on the capitol grounds shall:

- 3 (1) Transcend time;
- 4 (2) Be all encompassing, non-discriminatory, and
5 aspirational; and
- 6 (3) Reflect the values, heritage, and history of Hawaii.

7 All monuments in and around the capitol shall contain necessary
8 structural supports."

9 SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the state
10 foundation on culture and the arts for administrative purposes a
11 ho'onoho pono working group.

12 (b) The working group shall elect a chair from among its
13 members and adopt rules and procedures as needed. The working
14 group shall consist of the following members:

- 15 (1) The comptroller or the comptroller's designee;
- 16 (2) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
17 resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- 18 (3) One representative from the department of defense,
19 office of veteran services;
- 20 (4) One representative from the state foundation on
21 culture and the arts;



- 1 (5) One representative from the department of defense
2 advisory board on veterans services;
- 3 (6) One representative from the Queen Lili'uokalani trust;
- 4 (7) One representative from the office of Hawaiian
5 affairs;
- 6 (8) One representative from the Royal Order of Kamehameha
7 I;
- 8 (9) One representative from the Pearl Harbor Hawaiian
9 Civic Club;
- 10 (10) One descendant of Queen Lili'uokalani;
- 11 (11) One representative from the Washington Place
12 Foundation; and
- 13 (12) Three representatives from the Hawaiian community who
14 shall be appointed jointly by the speaker of the house
15 of representatives and the president of the senate.
- 16 (c) The working group shall:
- 17 (1) Supervise and direct the relocation of the Spirit of
18 Lili'uokalani statue on the grounds of the state
19 capitol to the current location of the Eternal Flame
20 memorial along Beretania street;
- 21 (2) Supervise and direct the relocation of the Eternal
22 Flame memorial to the current location of the Spirit



1 of Lili'uokalani statue on the grounds of the state
2 capitol;

3 (3) Design bronze plaques with likenesses and descriptions
4 of the following individuals:

5 (A) King Kamehameha I;

6 (B) King Kamehameha II - Liholiho;

7 (C) King Kamehameha III - Kauikeaouli;

8 (D) King Kamehameha IV - Alexander Liholiho;

9 (E) King Kamehameha V - Lot Kapuaiwa;

10 (F) King Lunalilo;

11 (G) King Kalakaua; and

12 (H) Queen Lili'uokalani,

13 and place the bronze plaques on the wall directly
14 behind the current location of the Eternal Flame
15 memorial. Bronze kahili, feathered symbols of rank,
16 shall also be designed and displayed for each of the
17 individuals listed in this paragraph.

18 (d) The members of the working group shall serve without
19 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
20 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

21 (e) The working group shall submit a report, including a
22 design and proposed appropriation amount for the bronze plaques



1 and kahili and the relocation of the Eternal Flame memorial and
2 Spirit of Lili'uokalani statue, to the legislature no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
4 2015.

5 (f) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2015.

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Queen Lili'uokalani Statue; Eternal Flame Memorial; Memorial Mall; Hawaii State Capitol; Working Group; Hawaiian Rulers

Description:

Designates the walkway behind the capitol building as Memorial Mall. Creates a working group to design bronze plaques and kahili to portray Hawaiian rulers in perpetuity and to interchange the Queen Lili'uokalani statue located on the grounds of the capitol building with the Eternal Flame memorial on Beretania street.

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