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# 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.' Even more, this site is next to  
7 Washington Place, which was Queen Lili'uokalani's home and is  
8 across the street from The Queen's Medical Center where she was  
9 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. Kahili are fitting artifacts for this wahi  
15 pana, or legacy site. Kahili are feathered standards – symbols  
16 of rank that were displayed at ceremonial gatherings of chiefs  
17 and rulers and are exceptionally unique to Hawaii. The  
18 legislature further finds that portraying the Hawaiian rulers  
19 attended by bronze kahili along with a plaque of their likeness  
20 would bring 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'onoho pono working group to interchange the  
4 Eternal Flame memorial with the Spirit of Lili'uokalani  
5 statue and to create a monument respecting the former  
6 Hawaiian rulers to be placed with Queen Lili'uokalani's  
7 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,~~] 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 be



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



- 1           (2) Supervise and direct the relocation of the Eternal  
2           Flame memorial to the current location of the Spirit  
3           of Lili'uokalani statue on the grounds of the state  
4           capitol; and
- 5           (3) Design bronze plaques with likenesses and descriptions  
6           of the following individuals:
- 7           (A) King Kamehameha I;  
8           (B) King Kamehameha II - Liholiho;  
9           (C) King Kamehameha III - Kauikeaouli;  
10          (D) King Kamehameha IV - Alexander Liholiho;  
11          (E) King Kamehameha V - Lot Kapuaiwa;  
12          (F) King Lunalilo;  
13          (G) King Kalakaua; and  
14          (H) Queen Lili'uokalani,
- 15           and place the bronze plaques on the wall directly  
16           behind the current location of the Eternal Flame  
17           memorial. Bronze kahili, feathered symbols of rank,  
18           shall also be designed and displayed for each of the  
19           individuals listed in this paragraph.
- 20          (d) The members of the working group shall serve without  
21          compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
22          travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.



1 (e) The working group shall submit a report, including a  
2 design and proposed appropriation amount for the bronze plaques  
3 and kahili and the relocation of the Eternal Flame memorial and  
4 Spirit of Lili'uokalani statue, to the legislature no later than  
5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
6 2015.

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

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**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. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB2440 HD1)

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