
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Iolani Palace is the
2 only royal palace in the United States in which a reigning
3 monarch lived, and is an icon of the State. Iolani Palace
4 should be one of the State's most protected historical sites due
5 to its importance to the people of Hawaii. The Palace is also a
6 reminder of the Kingdom of Hawaii and was constructed in 1879,
7 making it one of the State's oldest buildings.

8 The legislature finds that the grounds of Iolani Palace
9 should be revered as highly as the Palace itself, and it is the
10 duty of the State to protect one of Hawaii's most historic and
11 treasured landmarks. Parking meters located on the grounds of
12 the Palace are a sign of disrespect of this landmark and an
13 exploitation of the people of Hawaii. Thousands of tourists
14 visit Iolani Palace annually, and many have noted that among the
15 hundreds of royal palaces worldwide, Iolani Palace is the only
16 royal palace that contains metered parking within its grounds.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 2 (1) Prohibit parking on the grounds of Iolani Palace;
- 3 (2) Remove the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters
- 4 adjacent to the Palace; and
- 5 (3) Develop and maintain a pedestrian area composed of
- 6 grass or other historically appropriate materials.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9 and to read as follows:

10 "§184- Iolani Palace; parking prohibited. (a) No
11 person shall park a motor vehicle on the grounds of Iolani
12 Palace.

13 (b) For the purposes of this section:

14 "Motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as in section
15 291C-1.

16 "Park" shall have the same meaning as in section 291C-1."

17 SECTION 3. The department of accounting and general
18 services shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty
19 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016, a
20 cost analysis and proposed legislation, if necessary, for



1 removing the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent
2 to Iolani Palace.

3 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
4 shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior
5 to the convening of the regular session of 2016, a cost analysis
6 and proposed legislation, if necessary, for developing and
7 maintaining a pedestrian area to replace the existing blacktop,
8 parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace.

9 SECTION 5. (a) Commencing no later than January 1, 2017,
10 the department of accounting and general services shall remove
11 the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to
12 Iolani Palace.

13 (b) Upon removal of the blacktop, parking area, and
14 parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace, the department of land
15 and natural resources shall develop and maintain a pedestrian
16 area to replace the existing blacktop, parking area, and parking
17 meters adjacent to Iolani Palace. The pedestrian area shall be
18 composed of grass or other historically appropriate materials.

19 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that sections 2 and 5 shall take effect on January 1,
3 2017.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Phases out parking of motor vehicles on the grounds of Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS to remove the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DLNR to develop and maintain a pedestrian area adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS and DLNR to report cost analysis to the legislature.

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