
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii historic
2 places review board is charged with several responsibilities,
3 which include the ordering and entering of historic properties
4 into the Hawaii register of historic places; making
5 recommendations on historic property nominations to the national
6 register of historic places; hearing appeals of the department
7 of land and natural resources' decisions relating to historic
8 properties; and advising the state historic preservation officer
9 on matters relating to historic preservation, at the officer's
10 request.

11 The legislature further finds that the review board's
12 activities frequently involve viewing the interiors of private
13 homes and visiting native Hawaiian archaeological sites where
14 public knowledge of the location of the sites would be
15 detrimental to the sites' preservation. Due to the sensitive
16 nature of a number of these properties, compliance with certain
17 provisions of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, makes it



1 either impossible or extremely difficult for the review board to
2 visit the properties.

3 The purpose of this Act is to encourage and facilitate the
4 viewing of historic properties by the members of the Hawaii
5 historic places review board when carrying out their duties.

6 SECTION 2. Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§6E-5.5 The Hawaii historic places review board;
9 creation; powers; appointments; composition. (a) There is
10 created a review board, to be designated the Hawaii historic
11 places review board, for the Hawaii register of historic places
12 and the national register of historic places which shall meet
13 the requirements of federal law. The board shall be placed
14 within the department of land and natural resources for
15 administrative purposes and shall consist of ten members to be
16 appointed and removed by the governor as provided in section 26-
17 34. The board shall include one professionally qualified member
18 of each of the following disciplines: archaeology,
19 architecture, history, and sociology. In addition, there shall
20 be one person knowledgeable in traditional Hawaiian society and
21 culture.



- 1 (b) The review board shall:
- 2 (1) Order and enter historic properties into the Hawaii
- 3 register of historic places on the basis of their
- 4 value to Hawaii's heritage;
- 5 (2) Evaluate and, when appropriate, recommend the
- 6 nomination of historic properties to the national
- 7 register of historic places;
- 8 (3) Review the state survey of historic properties
- 9 undertaken in accordance with this chapter;
- 10 (4) Review the content of the state historic preservation
- 11 plan developed in accordance with this chapter;
- 12 (5) Elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and adopt
- 13 such rules as are necessary for the purposes of this
- 14 section;
- 15 (6) Maintain the Hawaii register of historic places,
- 16 including all those listed on the national register of
- 17 historic places, and a program of notification and
- 18 publication regarding properties on the registers; and
- 19 (7) Develop policies on signage in historic districts.



1 (c) The members of the review board shall serve without
2 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
3 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

4 (d) The department's determinations made pursuant to
5 section 6E-8 may be appealed to the review board.

6 (e) The members of the review board may visit historic
7 places in the course of carrying out their duties without regard
8 to sections 92-2.5 and 92-3."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Historic Places Review Board; Site Visits

Description:

Authorizes members of the historic places review board to visit sites without regard to open meetings requirements.

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