
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, an icon of Hawaii, and a
3 treasured reminder of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Iolani Palace was
4 constructed from 1879 to 1882, is one of the State's oldest
5 buildings, and is listed on the National Register of Historic
6 Places as a National Historic Landmark. Iolani Palace should be
7 one of the State's most protected historical sites due to its
8 importance to the people of Hawaii.

9 The legislature also finds that the grounds of Iolani
10 Palace should be revered as highly as the Palace itself, and
11 that the State has a duty to protect the Palace and the grounds,
12 including their appearance. Parking meters located on the
13 Palace grounds are disrespectful to this landmark and the people
14 of Hawaii. Thousands of visitors tour Iolani Palace annually,
15 and many have noted that among the hundreds of royal palaces
16 worldwide, Iolani Palace is the only one that includes metered
17 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 2017, 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 2017, 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) No later than January 1, 2018, the
10 department of accounting and general services shall remove the
11 blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani
12 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.

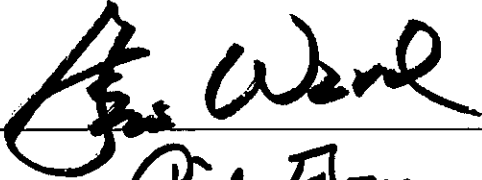
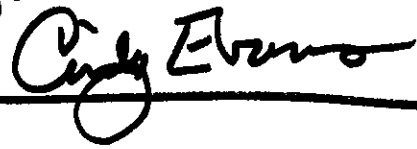


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1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Iolani Palace; Parking; Prohibited; DAGS; DLNR; Report

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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