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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Sunset Memorial Park  
2 in Pearl City, Oahu, has been neglected for years and has been  
3 the focal point of numerous complaints by people who have family  
4 members buried there. In this regard, the cemetery has been  
5 described as having a damaged mausoleum, sinking graves, and  
6 broken, missing, or obscured grave markers that are hidden by  
7 overgrown vegetation.

8           Since the death of its previous owner, Sunset Memorial Park  
9 has had no registered owner on record. Volunteers have tried to  
10 maintain the cemetery, but have reluctantly stopped because of  
11 state liability issues.

12           The dilapidated, unsightly state of Sunset Memorial Park is  
13 of great concern not only for the families whose loved ones are  
14 buried there, but for the surrounding community as well. The  
15 Park has fallen into such disrepair that public safety and  
16 health are at issue. A viable solution to this problem is long  
17 overdue.



1           Attempts to have the State add Sunset Memorial Park to its  
2 list of four currently state-owned cemeteries in Aiea, Kapalama,  
3 Alewa Heights, and Makiki are ongoing. The last time the State  
4 took over a cemetery was in 1946.

5           It has been reported that the department of commerce and  
6 consumer affairs is actively looking for a long-term solution  
7 for Sunset Memorial Park and is considering all options.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require the director of  
9 commerce and consumer affairs, in consultation with the  
10 comptroller, to develop strategies for the upkeep, repair, and  
11 maintenance of Sunset Memorial Park.

12           SECTION 2. (a) The director of commerce and consumer  
13 affairs in consultation with the comptroller shall develop both  
14 short-term and long-term strategies for the upkeep, repair, and  
15 maintenance of Sunset Memorial Park in Pearl City, Oahu.

16           (b) The director of commerce and consumer affairs shall  
17 examine all options for repairing and maintaining Sunset  
18 Memorial Park, including the feasibility of having the State  
19 take ownership of Sunset Memorial Park.

20           (c) The director of commerce and consumer affairs is  
21 requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations,



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1 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
2 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
3 of 2017.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Sunset Memorial Park; Repairs; Maintenance; Cemetery

**Description:**

Requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in consultation with the Comptroller to develop strategies for the upkeep, repair, and maintenance of Sunset Memorial Park in Pearl City, Oahu. Requires a report to the legislature.

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