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## SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY AND STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORICAL MARKERS AND TRAILS.

1           WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation  
2 defines cultural heritage tourism as traveling to experience the  
3 places, artifacts, and activities that authentically represent  
4 the stories and people of the past; and

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6           WHEREAS, one of the principal objectives of cultural  
7 heritage tourism is collaboration with local organizations and  
8 the public to develop sustainable economies; and

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10          WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority recognizes that some  
11 visitors' pursuit of a more authentic experience has resulted in  
12 increased tourism in Hawaii's small rural communities; and

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14          WHEREAS, increased tourism in rural areas creates jobs and  
15 new business opportunities, and strengthens local economies so  
16 residents can live, work, and play within their community; and

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18          WHEREAS, historical trails and walking tours have been  
19 utilized by community stakeholders to identify historic  
20 individuals or landmarks, encourage pedestrian traffic, and  
21 improve the local economy; and

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23          WHEREAS, historical trails and walking tours have been  
24 created in Waikiki, Haleiwa, and Lahaina to increase cultural  
25 heritage tourism; now, therefore,

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27          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,  
29 that the Hawaii Tourism Authority and State Historic  
30 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural  
31 Resources are encouraged to work with community organizations to



1 assist in and support the establishment of historical markers  
2 and trails; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tourism Authority  
5 and State Historic Preservation Division are encouraged to  
6 identify areas that meet criteria for historical trails or  
7 walking tours; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
11 Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Hawaii Tourism  
12 Authority Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive  
13 Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and Administrator of  
14 the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of  
15 Land and Natural Resources.

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