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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY CONCERNING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE STATE ARCHIVES.

1           WHEREAS, the original State Archives Building, known as the  
2 Kana'ina Building, was built in 1905 on the 'Iolani Palace  
3 grounds, within the Hawai'i Capital Historic District, to house  
4 the Public Archives of Hawai'i; and

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6           WHEREAS, after many years of collecting and acquiring into  
7 the Public Archives the most important records and artifacts of  
8 the governments of Hawai'i from the Hawaiian Kingdom through  
9 Statehood, the State Archives eventually outgrew the Kana'ina  
10 Building; and

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12           WHEREAS, in 1952, a new building adjacent to the Kana'ina  
13 Building was constructed as the new home of the State Archives  
14 and named after Kekāuluohi; and

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16           WHEREAS, there exists a need to promote citizen engagement  
17 in the documentary heritage of the government, provide greater  
18 education on the history of Hawai'i's governments and its people,  
19 and assist the people of Hawai'i in connecting with their  
20 personal history as well as the history of Hawai'i; and

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22           WHEREAS, there exists a need to have a dedicated display  
23 space to highlight the many historic records and artifacts  
24 preserved in the Public Archives that document the vibrant and  
25 diverse history of Hawai'i, its public institutions, and its  
26 people; and

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28           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Capital Historic District has been the  
29 center of Hawai'i's government for over a century, now consists  
30 of twenty buildings and structures, and was added to the  
31 National Register of Historic Places on December 1, 1978; and

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33           WHEREAS, the buildings and structures within the Hawai'i  
34 Capital Historic District have distinct architectural styles,



1 ranging from the nineteenth century adaptations of New England  
2 homes to the Italianate Renaissance Revival and Neoclassic  
3 edifices of the Hawaiian Monarchy; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the current State Archives Building does not fit  
6 architecturally with the other buildings of the Hawai'i Capital  
7 Historic District; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the current State Archives Building not only  
10 appears outdated, but is also outdated in function with  
11 electrical and elevator problems requiring expensive repair  
12 along with a lack of stable backup power, which puts the secure  
13 storage of the records at risk; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the historical records of Hawai'i held at the State  
16 Public Library, which is near the current State Archives  
17 Building, should be stored in the same location and with the  
18 same archival standards as the historical records held at the  
19 State Archives; and  
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21 WHEREAS, aging, underrepresented, and marginalized segments  
22 of the community seek to donate important historical documents  
23 and artifacts to the State Archives, but a lack of storage space  
24 in the current State Archives Building requires the State  
25 Archivist to be very selective in accepting donations; now,  
26 therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
30 2019, that the Department of Accounting and General Services is  
31 requested to establish a task force to conduct a study  
32 concerning the current and future needs of the State Archives;  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members be  
36 selected as follows:  
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- 38 (1) Three members to be selected by the President of the  
39 Senate; provided that at least one member is a member  
40 of the Senate;  
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- 1           (2) Three members to be selected by the Speaker of the
- 2           House of Representatives; provided that at least one
- 3           member is a member of the House of Representatives;
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- 5           (3) Three members to be selected by the Governor; and
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- 7           (4) Four members to be selected by the Comptroller;
- 8           provided that at least two members be Archives
- 9           Division employees; and

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11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

12 select a chairperson from among its members; and

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14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a vacancy on the task force

15 shall be filled by the same selection authority that appointed

16 the vacating member; and

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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that seven members of the task force

19 shall constitute a quorum; provided that an affirmative vote of

20 five members shall be necessary for decision-making; and

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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force meeting schedule

23 shall be determined by the members; and

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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be exempt

26 from chapter 92, Hawai'i Revised Statutes; and

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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall

29 not be considered state employees for the purposes of chapter

30 84, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, due solely to their service on the

31 task force; and

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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

34 include in its study an analysis of the:

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- 36           (1) Requirements of the State Archives to continue to
- 37           acquire the documentary and artifactual history of
- 38           Hawai'i and its people for the next fifty years;
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- 40           (2) Expected suitability of the current Archives
- 41           facilities over the next fifty years;
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- 1           (3) Space requirements to create a museum quality display  
2           space for the Public Archives to educate the public  
3           and visitors on the documentary and artifactual  
4           history of Hawai'i, its public institutions, and its  
5           people through exhibitions, educational seminars, and  
6           interpretive displays;  
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- 8           (4) Suitability of renovating Kekāuluohi to conform to the  
9           architectural style of the Hawai'i Capital Historic  
10          District while updating its infrastructure to conform  
11          to archival standards and meet the Archives' needs for  
12          the next fifty years; using existing State facilities  
13          to house or extend the operations of the State  
14          Archives, or both; or constructing a new, suitable  
15          facility to house the Public Archives and State  
16          Archives' operations, or both;  
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- 18          (5) Capability of current and projected new facilities to  
19          digitize the records of the Public Archives and  
20          provide the necessary infrastructure to support the  
21          Digital Archives;  
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- 23          (6) Feasibility of combining the historical documents or  
24          archival records currently located at the State  
25          Library into the records of the State Archives; and  
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- 27          (7) Utility of a Hawai'i Capital Historic District Visitor  
28          Center in conjunction with any display space for the  
29          Archives' holdings; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
32           submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
33           any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
34           twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
35           2020; and  
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37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38           Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller,  
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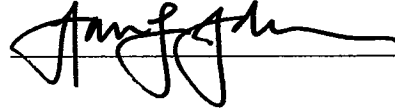


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1 President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives, State Archivist, and State Librarian.

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