
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS REVIEW AND REEXAMINE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ALI'I MEMORIAL ART ADVISORY TASK FORCE REGARDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE LOCATION OF THE SPIRIT OF LILIUOKALANI STATUE.

1 WHEREAS, the Iolani Palace property consisted of the
2 original Iolani Palace built in 1844 and the original Iolani
3 Barracks built in 1871 that was sited at the location of the
4 Hawaii State Capitol building; and

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6 WHEREAS, the original palace was razed and the palace
7 grounds were expanded in 1874; and

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9 WHEREAS, the original wall surrounding the Iolani Palace
10 property was moved ten feet closer to the Palace in 1883,
11 thereby diminishing the "Hawaiian Space" of the original
12 boundaries of the palace property; and

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14 WHEREAS, the original Iolani Barracks was relocated "brick
15 by brick" to its current location in 1965, thus redefining the
16 entire palace property and thereby further diminishing the
17 "Hawaiian Space"; and

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19 WHEREAS, mo'olelo from many kupuna refer to the mall space
20 as the Queen's Walkway, where the Queen travelled in an
21 underground passage that connected the palace grounds to other
22 Honolulu properties; and

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24 WHEREAS, prior to the Iolani Barracks relocation, the
25 "Hotel Street Mall" was called the Palace Walk, Palace walkway,
26 or Chiefs Walk on early Honolulu maps; and



1 WHEREAS, Queen Liliuokalani ascended to the throne in 1891
2 and reigned until she was deposed in 1898 serving as the last
3 monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Spirit of Liliuokalani statue was commissioned
6 and displayed in its current location in 1982; the artist
7 selected Washington Place or Iolani Palace as possible permanent
8 locations, both of which are on the National Register of
9 Historic Places, however, these sites were rejected as
10 inappropriate; and

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12 WHEREAS, as a result of the adoption of SCR 96 S.D. 2, H.D.
13 1 by the Legislature during the Regular Session of 2016, the
14 Ali'i Memorial Art Advisory Task Force convened and created the
15 State Capitol Monuments Master Plan draft in 2017, that proposed
16 relocating the Spirit of Liliuokalani statue to other sites,
17 including the Queen Liliuokalani Building on Punchbowl Street
18 and the Eternal Flame monument on Beretania Street, as well as
19 the additional commission of four ali'i statues; and

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21 WHEREAS, in order to pay proper respect and homage to the
22 Hawaiian people, their heritage, and the historical significance
23 of Palace Walkway; now, therefore

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
27 2019, that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is
28 requested to review and reexamine the findings and
29 recommendations in the report submitted by the Ali'i Memorial Art
30 Advisory Task Force regarding, among other things, the location
31 of the Spirit of Liliuokalani statue; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
34 and the Arts is requested to submit a report to the Legislature
35 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
36 Session of 2020 that shall include its findings and
37 recommendations regarding the Task Force's recommendation that:

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39 (1) The current location of the Spirit of Liliuokalani
40 statue should be preserved;



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- 1 (2) Of the four proposed additional commissioned ali'i
2 monuments, one be placed at the Ewa entrance and
3 another monument be placed at the Diamond Head
4 entrance to the Hotel Street Mall; and
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- 6 (3) The Hotel Street Mall be renamed as the Ali'i Memorial
7 Pedestrian Walkway and dedicated as a space reserved
8 for the promotion of Hawaiian history and culture
9 through the placement of monuments, traditional native
10 plants, and an interactive display space; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State
14 Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission.
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