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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that comprehensive  
2       statewide inventories of historic properties and burial sites  
3       are critical to managing and protecting historic properties and  
4       grave sites in Hawaii. The department of land and natural  
5       resources state historic preservation division has the  
6       responsibility of creating and maintaining inventories, but such  
7       activities remain an unfunded mandate. For surveying and  
8       inventory, the state historic preservation division relies on  
9       documentation submitted in support of project reviews and  
10      knowledgeable individuals who contribute new information to  
11      existing databases and inventories. As a portion of historic  
12      buildings and burial sites located in restricted or undeveloped  
13      areas of the State, the collected data does not represent  
14      accurate, comprehensive information.

15      The legislature further finds that the absence of  
16      comprehensive statewide inventories delays project planning, as  
17      developers, planners, and state and county agencies lack key



1 information on the location of historic properties and burial  
2 sites. The missing data can impact planning processes at points  
3 when significant resources have already been expended, causing  
4 projects to be redesigned or delayed. Conflict within  
5 communities regarding proposed projects and the potential impact  
6 on historic properties or burial sites has also delayed  
7 projects.

8 In addition, the state historic preservation division  
9 experiences difficulties in meeting its historic property and  
10 burial site responsibilities as the division lacks key  
11 information on locations. In some instances, the state historic  
12 preservation division does not obtain knowledge of historic  
13 properties or burial sites until the permit application.

14 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
15 funding to the department of land and natural resources state  
16 historic preservation division to expedite development of a  
17 comprehensive, complete inventory of historic properties and  
18 burial sites located across the State and to conduct relevant  
19 archaeological surveys necessary to provide further information  
20 for the inventory.



1       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,100,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the  
4 development of a comprehensive inventory of historic properties  
5 and burial sites; provided that the sum shall be expended as  
6 follows:

- 7       (1) \$1,000,000 for a state-of-the-art archaeological  
8       surface survey integrating the use of remote sensing,  
9       aerial, and satellite imagery;
- 10       (2) \$500,000 for data collection on the location of burial  
11       sites; and
- 12       (3) \$600,000 for conduction of an inventory on historic  
13       buildings, structures, and other properties.

14       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

16       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# S.B. NO. 2757

**Report Title:**

State Historic Preservation Division; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Inventory; Burial Sites; Historic Buildings; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct comprehensive inventories of historic properties and burial sites in the State, data collection on burial site locations, and archaeological surface surveys.

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