
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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 are located in restricted or
13 undeveloped areas of the State, the collected data does not
14 represent 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 \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
4 the development of a comprehensive inventory of historic
5 properties and burial sites; provided that the sum shall be
6 expended as follows:

7 (1) \$ for a state-of-the-art archaeological
8 surface survey integrating the use of remote sensing,
9 aerial, and satellite imagery;

10 (2) \$ for data collection on the location of
11 burial sites; and

12 (3) \$ 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, 2050.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Appropriates an unspecified amount of 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. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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