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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
DIVISION.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'  
2 State Historic Preservation Division serves to protect and  
3 preserve historic properties significant to Hawaii's history  
4 through several program areas; and  
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6           WHEREAS, under section 23-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the  
7 Auditor may examine and inspect all accounts, books, records,  
8 files, papers, and documents and all financial affairs of every  
9 department, office, agency, and political subdivision; now,  
10 therefore,  
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12           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
14 that the Auditor is requested to conduct a performance audit of  
15 all the programs within the State Historic Preservation Division  
16 of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and  
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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit include but not be  
19 limited to:  
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- 21           (1) Whether the State Historic Preservation Division has  
22           adequate staffing and resources to conduct timely  
23           project reviews;  
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- 25           (2) An evaluation of whether the review and response to  
26           submittals is completed within the timeframes  
27           established by rule;  
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- 29           (3) Current project review practices, including efforts to  
30           identify categorical exemptions, historic properties  
31           and districts that should have special protections or  
32           treatment, identification of types of sites that do  
33           not require permit review, filing systems, and efforts



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- 1 to streamline processes such as the inadvertent
- 2 discovery process for burial sites;
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- 4 (4) Record retention methodologies;
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- 6 (5) Standardization of monitoring protocols, including the
- 7 establishment of cultural impact assessment guidance;
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- 9 (6) The actions, initiatives, and performance of the State
- 10 Historic Preservation Division to address the existing
- 11 project review backlog; and
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- 13 (7) Any recommended improvements, including proposed
- 14 legislation, to update, redefine, or realign the State
- 15 Historic Preservation Division's mission and
- 16 organization based on balancing cultural and historic
- 17 preservation with the State's evolving land
- 18 development needs; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
21 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
22 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
23 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
24 2023; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson of the  
28 Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Administrator of the  
29 State Historic Preservation Division.

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OFFERED BY: 

