

• STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION •



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PRINCIPAL DUTIES

- Review State and county projects for potential effects to historic properties
- Review projects requiring state or county permits for potential effect to historic properties
- Compile and maintain the statewide inventory of historic properties
- Compile and maintain the statewide inventory of known burial sites
- Participate in the review of federal undertakings for effects to historic properties under 36 CFR Part 800

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PRINCIPAL DUTIES (cont'd)

- Manage the process for listing historic properties in the Hawaii and National registers of historic places
- Provide administrative support to the Island Burial Councils
- Review Burial Treatment plans
- Review applications for designation as lineal and cultural descendants
- Respond to inadvertent discoveries of human remains
- Provide administrative support to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

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PRINCIPAL DUTIES (cont'd)

- Manage & maintain the research library of archaeological & architectural reports and records
- Manage & maintain the archive of decision documents

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Responded to 1644 project review submittals
- Continuing development & implementation of the HICRIS
- Continuing data input into the statewide historic property GIS
- Continuing digitization of reports & decision records for input into HICRS

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ISSUES

- Timeliness of project reviews
- Staff vacancies, recruitment, & retention
- Slow progress on report & records digitization
- Implementation of the full vision for HICRIS
- Lack of a fully useable, comprehensive statewide inventory of historic properties and burial sites

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2022 SESSION PRIORITIES

BUDGET: The budget SHPD-DLNR proposed to the Governor (NOTE: Governor's decision pending)

- includes 15 new positions: 4 archaeologists, 2 architectural historians, 2 burial sites specialists, a GIS technician, a Library/Archivist technician, a historian, an assistant administrator, & 2 administrative specialists. *Even with all existing positions filled SHPD cannot keep up with workload. These new positions are essential to managing both existing workload as well as the increased work we anticipate from the federal "Build Back Better" initiative.*
- It also includes significant salary increases for all existing exempt staff & for the new hires. This is critical to recruitment and staff retention. It will close the gap between public and private sector salaries.

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2022 SESSION PRIORITIES (continued)

BUDGET

The proposed budget also includes funds to

- Reinitiate the contract scanning of reports and documents, which was halted as an austerity measure at the start of the pandemic. Making all documents available digitally is essential to maximizing effectiveness and efficiency of project planning, report preparation, project review HICRIS.
- Increase SHPD's no personnel budget by \$100,000. The non-personnel budget for SHPD is fiscal year totals \$40,000.

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- We will be seeking a sponsor for a bill that would authorize and fund a systematic state-wide survey of historic buildings, archaeological sites, and burial sites.
- Having such data will significantly improve project planning as planners and developers will have a better indication of potential conflicts between historic resources management and development needs.
- It will also enhance project review as these critical data will be immediately available to staff undertaking the reviews.

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NON-BUDGET PRIORITY BILL

- Under consideration for the Administration Package is a bill that makes mandatory delegation of certain 6E-42 reviews to the counties. (Pending Governor's final decision.)
- It also authorizes SHPD to create a third-party review program.
- If the Governor declines to include this bill in the Administration Package, SHPD will consider seeking sponsors in the House and the Senate.