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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Iolani Palace is the  
2 only royal palace in the United States in which a reigning  
3 monarch lived and is an icon of the State. Iolani Palace should  
4 be one of the State's most protected historical sites due to its  
5 importance to the people of Hawaii.

6           The legislature finds that the grounds of Iolani Palace  
7 should be revered as highly as the Palace itself, and it is the  
8 duty of the State to protect one of Hawaii's most historic and  
9 treasured landmarks. Thousands of tourists visit Iolani Palace  
10 annually, and many have noted that among the hundreds of royal  
11 palaces worldwide, Iolani Palace is the only royal palace that  
12 contains metered parking within its grounds. The continual  
13 desecration of the palace grounds as parking for state employees  
14 and tourists is highly offensive and a misuse of the historic  
15 landmark.

16           The purpose of this Act is to:

17           (1) Prohibit parking on the grounds of Iolani Palace;



- 1 (2) Remove all blacktop, except for the "Grand Entrance"
- 2 from King Street; and
- 3 (3) Replace all public parking areas and parking meters
- 4 with a promenade.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§184- Iolani Palace; parking prohibited. (a) No  
9 person shall park a motor vehicle on the grounds of Iolani  
10 Palace.

11 (b) For the purposes of this section:

12 "Motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as in section  
13 291C-1.

14 "Park" shall have the same meaning as in section 291C-1."

15 SECTION 3. The department of accounting and general  
16 services shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty  
17 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024, a  
18 cost analysis and proposed legislation, if necessary, for  
19 removing the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent  
20 to Iolani Palace.



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1 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources  
2 shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior  
3 to the convening of the regular session of 2024, a cost analysis  
4 and proposed legislation, if necessary, for developing and  
5 maintaining a pedestrian area to replace the existing blacktop,  
6 parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace.

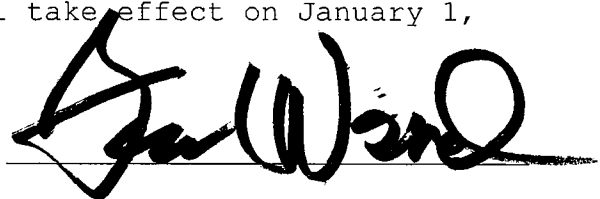
7 SECTION 5. (a) Commencing no later than January 1, 2024,  
8 the department of accounting and general services shall remove  
9 the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to  
10 Iolani Palace.

11 (b) Upon removal of the blacktop, parking area, and  
12 parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace, the department of land  
13 and natural resources shall develop and maintain a pedestrian  
14 area to replace the existing blacktop, parking area, and parking  
15 meters adjacent to Iolani Palace. The pedestrian area shall be  
16 composed of grass or other historically appropriate materials.

17 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
19 provided that sections 2 and 5 shall take effect on January 1,  
20 2024.

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**Report Title:**

Iolani Palace; Parking; Prohibited; DAGS; DLNR; Report

**Description:**

Phases out parking of motor vehicles on the grounds of Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS to remove the blacktop, parking area, and parking meters adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DLNR to develop and maintain a pedestrian area adjacent to Iolani Palace. Requires DAGS and DLNR to report cost analysis to the legislature.

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