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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 these properties and
4 sites in Hawaii. The absence of comprehensive statewide
5 inventories delays project planning since developers, planners,
6 and state and county agencies lack key information on the
7 locations of historic properties and burial sites. The missing
8 data can impact planning processes by requiring projects to be
9 redesigned or delayed after significant resources have already
10 been expended.

11 The legislature further finds that a lack of key
12 information on historic property and burial site locations
13 hampers the state historic preservation division's ability to
14 perform its responsibilities. The state historic preservation
15 division relies on submitted documentation and knowledgeable
16 individuals contributing new information to existing databases
17 and inventories when conducting its surveys and inventory.



1 Since some historic buildings and burial sites are located
2 within restricted or undeveloped areas of the State, collected
3 data are not accurate nor comprehensive.

4 The legislature further finds that while the state historic
5 preservation division of the department of land and natural
6 resources is required to create and maintain inventories, the
7 department does not receive funding to fulfill this mandate.
8 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
9 the state historic preservation division of the department of
10 land and natural resources to expedite development of a
11 comprehensive inventory of historic properties and burial sites
12 located in the State and conduct relevant archaeological surveys
13 necessary to compile the inventory.

14 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
15 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
17 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
18 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
19 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
20 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
21 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal



1 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
2 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
3 ceiling are that:

4 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
5 serve the public interest; and

6 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
7 addressed by this Act.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
11 deposited into the Hawaii historic preservation special fund
12 established by section 6E-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
14 historic preservation special fund the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
16 the development of a comprehensive inventory of historic
17 properties and burial sites located in the State; provided that
18 the sum shall be expended as follows:

19 (1) \$ for state-of-the-art archaeological
20 surface surveys utilizing remote sensing, aerial, and
21 satellite imagery;



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1 (2) § for the collection of data regarding the
2 locations of burial sites; and

3 (3) § for the development of an inventory of
4 historic buildings, structures, and other properties.

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

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

DLNR; State Historic Preservation Division; Inventory; Burial Sites; Historic Properties; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to inventory historic properties and burial sites in the State, collect data on burial site locations, and conduct an archaeological surface survey.

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