
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO EMPLOY AN ARCHAEOLOGIST FOR THE
PURPOSE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN REBUILDING LAHAINA.

1 WHEREAS, the wildfires on Maui in August 2023 were among
2 the deadliest and most destructive in the State's history; and
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4 WHEREAS, the wildfires devastated much of the historic town
5 of Lahaina, destroying centuries-old buildings, cultural
6 landmarks, and irreplaceable heritage sites that were central to
7 its identity and history; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that historic
10 preservation is critical in rebuilding Lahaina because it helps
11 maintain cultural identity, supports economic recovery through
12 tourism, promotes environmental sustainability by reducing
13 waste, aids in social and emotional healing, provides
14 educational value, fosters community cohesion, and ensures
15 compliance with legal preservation regulations; and
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17 WHEREAS, while numerous efforts have been made to address
18 the rebuilding of Lahaina, no archaeologist has yet been fully
19 engaged in preserving the history and culture of the community
20 and the State during this critical process; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
24 that the County of Maui is requested to employ one full-time
25 equivalent (1.0 FTE) archaeologist for the purpose of historic
26 preservation in rebuilding Lahaina; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the archaeologist is requested
29 to work with other entities involved in the rebuilding of
30 Lahaina to preserve the history and culture of the community and
31 the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the archaeologist is requested
2 to implement federal and state mandates, and to plan and manage
3 projects on historic preservation in rebuilding Lahaina; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Maui.

