
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONVENE A SPECIAL
TASK FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION.

1 WHEREAS, certain places in Hawaii are of paramount
2 importance for their historical and cultural significance, such
3 as the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-
4 Kona, Washington Place, 'Iolani Palace, and Mauna Ala; and
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6 WHEREAS, Hulihe'e Palace is located in historic Kailua-Kona,
7 Hawai'i, on Ali'i Drive, the former vacation home of Hawaiian
8 royalty, and has been converted to a museum run by the Daughters
9 of Hawai'i, showcasing furniture and artifacts; and
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11 WHEREAS, as "The Museum of Hawai'i", the Bernice Pauahi
12 Bishop Museum's mission is to be a gathering place and
13 educational center that actively engages people in the
14 presentation, exploration, and preservation of Hawaii's cultural
15 heritage and natural history, as well as ancestral cultures
16 throughout the Pacific; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum is statutorily designated as the
19 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; and
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21 WHEREAS, Washington Place is where Queen Lili'uokalani was
22 arrested during the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and later
23 became the official residence of the Governor of Hawaii; and
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25 WHEREAS, Washington Place is a National Historic Landmark,
26 designated in 2007; and
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28 WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace was the official residence of
29 Hawaiian Royalty where official functions were performed and,
30 dignitaries and luminaries from around the world were received
31 and entertained often and lavishly; and
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33 WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace was the center of social and
34 political life for the Kingdom of Hawaii; and



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 2 WHEREAS, Mauna Ala, the Royal Mausoleum, is located in
 3 Nuuanu and is the final resting place of two of Hawaii's
 4 prominent royal families—the Kamehameha family and the Kalakaua
 5 family; and

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 7 WHEREAS, Mauna Ala is on the National Register of
 8 Historical Places; and

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 10 WHEREAS, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace,
 11 Washington Place, 'Iolani Palace, and Mauna Ala are landmark
 12 treasures that preserve and perpetuate the Hawaiian cultural
 13 heritage, and provide an incomparable attraction and culturally
 14 appropriate experience for visitors; and

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 16 WHEREAS, to perpetuate and preserve the Bernice Pauahi
 17 Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, 'Iolani Palace,
 18 and Mauna Ala, these sites need a perpetual funding mechanism;
 19 now, therefore,

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 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
 23 that the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Economic
 24 Development and Technology are requested to convene a Special
 25 Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Task Force on
 28 Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation develop a plan to provide
 29 fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding for each of
 30 the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington
 31 Place, 'Iolani Palace, and Mauna Ala; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Special Task
 34 Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation include the
 35 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
 36 Comptroller; two Senators representing the Senate Committee on
 37 Hawaiian Affairs; two Senators representing the Senate Committee
 38 on Economic Development and Technology; two Representatives
 39 representing the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs; two
 40 Representatives representing the House Committee on Economic
 41 Revitalization and Business; and one representative from each of
 42 the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington



1 Place, 'Iolani Palace, and Mauna Ala, to be selected by the co-
2 chairs of the special task force; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one Senator representing the
5 Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and one Senator
6 representing the Senate Committee on Economic Development and
7 Technology serve as co-chairs of the Special Task Force on
8 Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special task force members
11 not be considered employees for the purposes of chapter 84,
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, based solely upon their participation
13 in the special task force; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Task Force on
16 Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation report to the Legislature
17 its findings and recommendations no later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Task Force on
21 Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation be dissolved upon the
22 filing of its report to the Legislature; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
26 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Comptroller, Chairperson of the
27 the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson of the
28 Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology,
29 Chairperson of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,
30 Chairperson of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization
31 and Business, and the heads or curators of the Bernice Pauahi
32 Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, 'Iolani Palace,
33 and Mauna Ala.

