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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INDIGENOUS ARCHITECTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the homeless and  
2 affordable housing crises continue to be two of the State's most  
3 significant and challenging social problems. The housing crisis  
4 requires government to explore alternative means of providing  
5 shelter to Hawaii's residents. Indigenous native Hawaiian forms  
6 of architectural practices, styles, customs, techniques, and  
7 materials, as referenced in section 46-1.55, Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes, may be an option for creating housing for homeless  
9 individuals, and more needs to be done to increase the inventory  
10 of housing and ensure that residents have access to housing.

11           The purpose of this Act is to allow state and county  
12 agencies to permit the building of indigenous architecture,  
13 under certain conditions, on public and private lands as  
14 determined by the respective state and county agency.

15           SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the  
16 contrary, any state or county agency may designate areas of



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1 public and private land as determined by the state or county  
2 agency for the construction of indigenous architecture.

3 (b) Except as provided in this subsection, indigenous  
4 architecture shall be exempt from all statutes, ordinances,  
5 charter provisions, and rules and regulations of any  
6 governmental agency or public utility relating to planning,  
7 zoning, construction standards for subdivisions, development and  
8 improvement of land, and the construction and sale of homes  
9 thereon; provided that indigenous architecture shall be  
10 constructed under the supervision of persons with expertise in  
11 indigenous architecture and construction.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Indigenous Architecture; Construction; Public and Private Lands

**Description:**

Allows any state or county agency to designate public and private lands under certain conditions for the construction of indigenous architecture.

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