
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMPTROLLER TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON MOVING THE
STATE ARCHIVES TO A LARGER FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the original State Archives Building, known as the
2 Kekauluohi Building, was built in 1905 on the Iolani Palace
3 grounds within the Hawaii Capital Historic District; and
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5 WHEREAS, after many years of collecting and acquiring
6 material, the State Archives eventually outgrew the Kekauluohi
7 Building; and
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9 WHEREAS, in 1952, a new building adjacent to the Kekauluohi
10 Building was constructed as the new home of the State Archives;
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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Capital Historic District has been the
14 center of Hawaii's government for over a century; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Capital Historic District, consisting
17 of twenty buildings and structures, was added to the National
18 Register of Historic Places on December 1, 1978; and
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20 WHEREAS, the buildings and structures within the Hawaii
21 Capital Historic District have distinct architectural styles
22 ranging from the nineteenth century adaptations of New England
23 homes, through the Italianate Renaissance Revival, and
24 Neoclassic edifices of the Hawaiian Monarchy; and
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26 WHEREAS, the current State Archives Building does not fit
27 architecturally with the other buildings of the Hawaii Capital
28 Historic District; and
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30 WHEREAS, the current State Archives Building not only
31 appears outdated, but is also outdated in function with



1 environmental control problems requiring frequent and expensive
2 repair and a lack of stable backup power, which puts the secure
3 storage of the records at risk; and
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5 WHEREAS, the archived records of the State Library near the
6 current State Archives Building also contain historical records
7 of Hawaii and should be stored in the same location as the State
8 Archives; and
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10 WHEREAS, aging segments of the Hawaii community seek to
11 donate important historical documents to the State Archives, but
12 a lack of storage space in the current State Archives Building
13 requires the State Archivist to be very selective in accepting
14 donations; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Comptroller is
19 requested to conduct a study on moving the State Archives to a
20 larger facility; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include an analysis
23 of the:
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- 25 (1) Requirements the State Archives would need in a new
26 facility;
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- 28 (2) Expected suitability of the current State Archives
29 facilities for the next decade;
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- 31 (3) Capability of current and projected new facilities to
32 digitize records; and
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- 34 (4) Feasibility of combining historical documents or
35 archival records of the State Library with the records
36 of the State Archives; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to
39 submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any
40 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
41 days prior to the Regular Session of 2017; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, the
 3 State Archivist, and the State Librarian.
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