
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A
HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRADES PROGRAM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, tourism is Hawaii's primary economic driver, and
2 cultural and heritage tourism represents a growing and valuable
3 niche for Hawaii, as cultural and heritage visitors spend, on
4 average, \$623 per trip compared to \$457 for all U.S. travelers,
5 excluding the cost of transportation; and
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7 WHEREAS, the growth of the cultural and heritage tourism
8 markets in Hawaii comes at a time when the idea of preserving
9 Hawaii's sense of place and its heritage is gaining prominence
10 in the public mind and in government; and
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12 WHEREAS, historic preservation is an ever growing field due
13 to the maturing of our communities and developing interest in
14 sustainable building practices; and
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16 WHEREAS, one concern voiced by preservation organizations
17 as well as historic property owners is the shortage of, and
18 difficulty in finding, skilled and qualified tradespersons to
19 maintain and repair historic structures; and
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21 WHEREAS, goals of other historic preservation trades
22 programs throughout the nation, which could be included in a
23 historic preservation trades program within the community
24 college system, include: gaining the understanding and
25 capability in solving problems related to issues about historic
26 preservation and sustainable building; actively engaging in the
27 manipulation of materials and equipment to demonstrate, produce,
28 restore and/or replicating products used in restoration and
29 rehabilitation work; comparing, contrasting, and being
30 knowledgeable of codes, standards, and competencies related to
31 the historic preservation field; being a collaborative partner



1 in preservation education and resource information for the
2 community; and providing an educational environment where
3 participants gain essential competencies in the field while
4 becoming self-directed learners and historical stewards; and
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6 WHEREAS, other historic preservation trades programs offer
7 courses such as drafting and documentation, an introduction to
8 historic preservation, courses in building materials, historic
9 building maintenance, internships, and others; and
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11 WHEREAS, a historic preservation trades program would
12 prepare students for a professional career in the areas of
13 preservation and restoration of historical buildings by
14 providing education in traditional, historic methods, materials
15 and technology necessary in preservation and renovation
16 projects; and
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18 WHEREAS, a historic preservation trades program would also
19 create a network of skilled practitioners who fulfill the
20 historic preservation industry's lack of properly trained
21 craftspeople in areas of restoration, renovation,
22 rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2008, that the Board of Regents of the University of
27 Hawaii is requested to support the creation of a two-year
28 associates degree program in historic preservation trades at the
29 community colleges; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Regents of the
33 University of Hawaii.
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