
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON IMPLEMENTING THE BEST PRACTICE
OF FRONT LOADING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF STATE
FACILITIES FOR SET ASIDE FOR EVENTUAL FUTURE REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE COSTS.

1 WHEREAS, the issue of repair and maintenance of public
2 facilities, including school facilities, the University of
3 Hawaii, our harbors, and many others, have taken the spotlight
4 in the public eye for many years now at the State Legislature;
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7 WHEREAS, in the case of public school facilities, the
8 Department of Education has testified on numerous occasions that
9 the annual amount of funding needed to keep up with a year's
10 worth of repair and maintenance is approximately \$100 million,
11 and that the backlog of repair and maintenance work has
12 decreased in recent years to a range of approximately \$200 to
13 \$300 million; and
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15 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii testified this year that
16 the repair and maintenance needs for the University are in the
17 \$165 million range, including improvements to both educational
18 and athletic facilities; and
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20 WHEREAS, in cooperation with the Administration, a group of
21 harbor facility users, including the stevedores, Matson, Young
22 Brothers, Horizon Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, the Superferry,
23 and various other entities such as oil refiners, cement
24 companies, and wholesalers, introduced legislation directed at
25 increasing capacity and improving operations at state harbors,
26 through which an overwhelming majority of our goods and services
27 pass through; and
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29 WHEREAS, the price tag for renovating our long neglected
30 state harbor system is estimated at \$842 million; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Aloha Stadium Authority testified this year
3 that repairs and maintenance to the Aloha Stadium would cost
4 approximately \$165 million, and that construction of an entirely
5 new stadium would top \$500 million; and
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7 WHEREAS, Honolulu International Airport is currently
8 undergoing renovations that require tens of millions of dollars;
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11 WHEREAS, we also know anecdotally that our highways and
12 roads are in a state of disrepair, as well as other state
13 facilities; and
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15 WHEREAS, the current backlog of repair and maintenance in
16 all state facilities cannot be traced to one event or one
17 decision, rather, it is the culmination of a series of
18 individual decisions through the decades to either withhold
19 funding for individual repair and maintenance projects or to
20 withhold authorization for funding of individual repair and
21 maintenance projects; and
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23 WHEREAS, in the past, repair and maintenance funding has
24 been reduced when revenues were tight; and
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26 WHEREAS, most building and maintenance professionals agree
27 that best practices in the construction of new building and
28 facilities is that anywhere from three to six percent of the
29 total construction cost of the building or facility should be
30 set aside up front for the eventual future repair and
31 maintenance costs of the building or facility; and
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33 WHEREAS, such a practice would require a greater price tag
34 on the initial construction cost of a building or facility, but
35 over time, would mitigate the need for crisis budgeting of
36 repair and maintenance and would reduce repair and maintenance
37 backlogs in lean budget times; now, therefore,
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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
40 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
41 Session of 2008, that the Department of Accounting and General



1 Services is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of
2 implementing the best practice of front loading repair and
3 maintenance costs of state facilities for set aside for eventual
4 future repair and maintenance costs; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as part of the study, the Department
7 of Accounting and General Services is requested to include a
8 total inventory of all state buildings and facilities and to
9 cite the remaining useful life of each state building and
10 facility as well as the estimated repair and maintenance
11 projects and costs and the cost of total renovation or
12 reconstruction; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all state departments are requested
15 to cooperate with the Department of Accounting and General
16 Services in the compilation of information for the study; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the study shows that it is
19 feasible and prudent to implement this best practice, the
20 Department of Accounting and General Services is requested, with
21 the assistance of the Attorney General, to draft any legislation
22 needed to implement this best practice; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the study, and any proposed
25 legislation, if any, be transmitted to the Legislature no later
26 than 20 days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session;
27 and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State
31 Comptroller, the Chair of the Department of Agriculture, the
32 Director of Department of Budget and Finance, the Director of
33 the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,
34 the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs,
35 the Department of Defense, the Board of Education, the
36 Superintendent of Education, the Chairperson of the Department
37 of Hawaiian Homelands, the Director of the Department of Health,
38 the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development,
39 the Director of the Department of Human Services, the Director
40 of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the
41 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the



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1 Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Director of the
2 Department of Taxation, the Director of the Department of
3 Transportation, the Board of Regents of the University of
4 Hawaii, the President of the University of Hawaii, the Chief
5 Justice of the Supreme Court, the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

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