



GOV. MSG. NO. **921**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

June 8, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 8, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1228 SD1 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION.
(ACT 163)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 8 2007

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 163

S.B. NO. 1228
S.D. 1
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the story of
2 Hawaii's World War II Japanese internees has remained largely
3 unknown for many years. The passage of the Civil Liberties Act
4 of 1988, and the subsequent search for former internees has led
5 to an increased awareness of how Hawaii's internees fared, and
6 the knowledge that many of the former internment camps have
7 disappeared or will in the near future.

8 The legislature further finds that in January 2007,
9 President Bush signed into law a bill that creates a \$38,000,000
10 grant program to help communities preserve the sites where
11 Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals were incarcerated.
12 Development of memorials will be eligible for fifty per cent
13 federal matching funds administered by the National Park
14 Service.

15 The purpose of this Act is to establish a process to
16 determine the most appropriate means of memorializing the World
17 War II Japanese internment camp experience in Hawaii.



1 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources,
2 with the assistance of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii,
3 the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition, Historic
4 Hawaii Foundation, and other organizations as may be
5 appropriate, shall establish a process to determine the most
6 appropriate means of memorializing the World War II Japanese
7 internment camp experience in Hawaii.

8 In doing so, the department shall consider fully:

- 9 (1) Any research, collections, and other information
10 compiled by cultural and historical organizations or
11 individuals;
- 12 (2) Information on the size and current condition of the
13 five known internment camps: Honouliuli Internment
14 Camp and Sand Island on Oahu, Kilauea Military Camp on
15 the Big Island, Haiku Internment Camp on Maui, and the
16 Kalaheo Stockade on Kauai, and recommendations for
17 preserving the camps, if feasible to do so;
- 18 (3) Cost estimates for the establishment and ongoing
19 operations of any World War II Japanese internment
20 camp memorial projects and funding sources, including
21 potential federal funds; and



1 (4) Recommendations for long-term organizational
2 management of any World War II Japanese internment
3 camp memorial.

4 SECTION 3. The department shall report on its findings and
5 recommendations no later than twenty days prior to the convening
6 of the 2008 regular session.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
10 purposes of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 8 2007

