

# CHAPTER 6E

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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## PART I. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

**§6E-1 Declaration of intent.** The Constitution of the State of Hawaii recognizes the value of conserving and developing the historic and cultural property within the State for the public good. The legislature declares that the historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its important assets and that the rapid social and economic developments of contemporary society threaten to destroy the remaining vestiges of this heritage. The legislature further declares that it is in the public interest to engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation at all levels of government to promote the use and conservation of such property for the education, inspiration, pleasure, and enrichment of its citizens. The legislature further declares that it shall be the public policy of this State to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property, to ensure the administration of such historic and cultural property in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations, and to conduct activities, plans, and programs in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural property. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

### Cross References

Foundation on culture and the arts, see chapter 9.

### **§6E-2 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

"Aviation artifact" means airplanes, fallen aircraft, crash sites, or any objects or materials associated with the history of aerospace in Hawaii which are over fifty years old, or determined to be of exceptional historic significance by the department. This term includes but is not limited to actual aircraft, aircraft parts, military equipment, books, documents and other related items.

"Burial good" means any item reasonably believed to have been intentionally placed with the human skeletal remains of an individual or individuals at the time of burial.

"Burial site" means any specific unmarked location where prehistoric or historic human skeletal remains and their associated burial goods are interred, and its immediate surrounding archaeological context, deemed a unique class of historic property and not otherwise included in section 6E-41.

"Department" means the department of land and natural resources.

"Historic preservation" means the research, protection, restoration, rehabilitation, and interpretation of buildings, structures, objects, districts, areas, and sites, including underwater sites and burial sites, significant to the history, architecture, archaeology, or culture of this State, its communities, or the nation.

"Historic property" means any building, structure, object, district, area, or site, including heiau and underwater site, which is over fifty years old.

"Human skeletal remains" means the body or any part of the body of a deceased human being.

"Project" means any activity directly undertaken by the State or its political subdivisions or supported in whole or in part through appropriations, contracts, grants, subsidies, loans, or other forms of funding assistance from the State or its political subdivisions or involving any lease, permit, license, certificate, land use change, or other entitlement for use issued by the State or its political subdivisions.

"State historic preservation officer" means that officer appointed by the governor as provided in section 6E-5. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1985, c 108, §1; am L 1990, c 306, §4; am L 1992, c 113, §1; am L 1996, c 97, § 3]

**§6E-3 Historic preservation program.** There is established within the department a division to administer a comprehensive historic preservation program, which shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Development of an on-going program of historical, architectural, and archaeological research and development, including surveys, excavations, scientific recording, interpretation, and publications on the State's historical and cultural resources;
- (2) Acquisition of historic or cultural properties, real or personal, in fee or in any lesser interest, by gift, purchase, condemnation, devise, bequest, land exchange, or other

- means; preservation, restoration, administration, or transference of the property; and the charging of reasonable admissions to that property;
- (3) Development of a statewide survey and inventory to identify and document historic properties, aviation artifacts, and burial sites, including all those owned by the State and the counties;
  - (4) Preparation of information for the Hawaii register of historic places and listing on the national register of historic places;
  - (5) Preparation, review, and revisions of a state historic preservation plan, including budget requirements and land use recommendations;
  - (6) Application for and receipt of gifts, grants, technical assistance, and other funding from public and private sources for the purposes of this chapter;
  - (7) Provision of technical and financial assistance to the counties and public and private agencies involved in historic preservation activities;
  - (8) Coordination of activities of the counties in accordance with the state plan for historic preservation;
  - (9) Stimulation of public interest in historic preservation, including the development and implementation of interpretive programs for historic properties listed on or eligible for the Hawaii register of historic places;
  - (10) Coordination of the evaluation and management of burial sites as provided in section 6E-43;
  - (11) Acquisition of burial sites in fee or in any lesser interest, by gift, purchase, condemnation, devise, bequest, land exchange, or other means, to be held in trust;
  - (12) Submittal of an annual report to the governor and legislature detailing the accomplishments of the year and recommendations for changes in the state plan or future programs relating to historic preservation, and an accounting of all income, expenditures, and the fund balance of the Hawaii historic preservation special fund;
  - (13) Regulation of archaeological activities throughout the State;
  - (14) Employment of sufficient professional and technical staff for the purposes of this chapter without regard to chapters 76 and 77;
  - (15) The charging of fees to at least partially defray the costs of administering sections 6E-3 (13), 6E-8, and 6E-42 of this chapter;
  - (16) Adoption of rules in accordance with chapter 91, necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and
  - (17) Development and adoption, in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs native historic preservation council, of rules governing permits for access by native Hawaiians and Hawaiians to cultural, historic, and pre-contact sites and monuments. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1987, c 330, §1; am L 1989, c 324, §2; am L 1990, c 306, §5; am L 1991, c 108, §2; am L 1993, c 323, §2; am L 1996, c 97 §4; am L 1997, c 207, §1; am L 1998, c 311, §1]

**[§6E-3.5] Consultation.** The department shall consult with appropriate organizations on all matters relating to aviation artifacts. [L 1996, c 97, §4]

**[§6E-4] Administration.** All state historic areas and buildings surplus to the operations of the department of accounting and general services shall be transferred by executive order to the department, except as provided in section 6E-33. All state projects and programs relating to historic preservation shall come under the authority of the department. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

#### **Revision Note**

Section "6E-33" substituted for "6E-73".

**[§6E-5] State historic preservation officer.** The governor shall appoint a state historic preservation officer, and may appoint the officer without regard to chapters 76 and 77, who shall be responsible for the comprehensive historic preservation program and who shall be the state

liaison officer for the conduct of relations with the federal government and the respective states with regard to matters of historic preservation. The state historic preservation officer shall be appointed on the basis of professional competence and experience in the field of historic preservation and shall be placed in the department for the purposes of the state program. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**[\$6E-5.5] The Hawaii historic places review board; creation; powers; appointments; composition.**

(a) There is created a review board, to be designated the Hawaii historic places review board, for the Hawaii register of historic places and the national register of historic places which shall meet the requirements of federal law. The board shall be placed within the department of land and natural resources for administrative purposes and shall consist of ten members to be appointed and removed by the governor as provided in section 26-34. The board shall include one professionally qualified member of each of the following disciplines: archeology, architecture, history, and sociology. In addition, there shall be one person knowledgeable in traditional Hawaiian society and culture.

(b) The review board shall:

- (1) Order and enter historic properties into the Hawaii register of historic places on the basis of their value to Hawaii's heritage;
- (2) Evaluate and, when appropriate, recommend the nomination of historic properties to the national register of historic places;
- (3) Review the state survey of historic properties undertaken in accordance with this chapter;
- (4) Review the content of the state historic preservation plan developed in accordance with this chapter;
- (5) Elect a chairman and a vice-chairman and adopt such rules as are necessary for the purposes of this section;
- (6) Maintain the Hawaii register of historic places, including all those listed on the national register of historic places, and a program of notification and publication regarding properties on the registers.

(c) The members of the review board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

(d) The department's determinations made pursuant to section 6E-8 may be appealed to the review board. [L 1980, c 293, §§9, 10; gen ch 1993; am L 1995, c 187, §1]

**Revision Note**

Subsection (c) is derived from L 1980, c 293, §10, and was not originally enacted as part of this section.

**[\$6E-6] Depositories for certain specimens and objects.**

The department shall serve as or shall determine the depository for all field notes, photographs, negatives, maps, artifacts, or other materials generated or recovered through historic preservation projects supported in whole or in part by the State or taking place on state lands.

Any aviation artifact or any specimen and object of natural and of botanical, ethnological, architectural, historical, or archaeological value or interest, and any book, treatise, or pamphlet relating thereto in the possession of the University of Hawaii, or any other state agency or its political subdivisions, if and when the same is no longer needed for scientific investigation, for study, or for any other purpose, may, at the request of the Bishop Museum or other qualified museums in this State, be transferred and delivered by and with the consent of such department, bureau, or board having possession thereof, to the Bishop Museum or other qualified museum, or exchanged with such museum, and whereupon, the title shall become vested in such museum and shall be held by them; provided that the aviation artifacts or any specimens and objects so transferred are made available at all reasonable times by the museum for study and examination by the officials of the university of such department, bureau, or board and to qualified scholars. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1996, c 97, §5]

**§6E-7 State title to historic property.** (a) All historic property located on lands or under waters owned or controlled by the State shall be the property of the State. The control and management of the historic property shall be vested in the department.

(b) The department may dispose of the historic property subject to chapter 171 and subject further to those reservations, restrictions, covenants, or conditions which relate to the preservation of the historic property, such as rights of access, public visitation, operation, maintenance, restoration, and repair. The department shall determine the conditions for any research affecting the historic property and may issue permits for the research.

(c) The State shall hold known burial sites located on lands or under waters owned or controlled by the State in trust for preservation or proper disposition by the lineal or cultural descendants.

(d) The State shall not transfer any historic property or aviation artifact under its jurisdiction without the concurrence of the department and shall not transfer any burial site under its jurisdiction without consulting the appropriate island burial council. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1985, c 124, §1; am am L 1990, c 306, §6; am L 1996, c 97, §6]

**§6E-8 Review of effect of proposed state projects.**

(a) Before any agency or officer of the State or its political subdivisions commences any project which may affect historic property, aviation artifact, or a burial site, the agency or officer shall advise the department and allow the department an opportunity for review of the effect of the proposed project on historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites, consistent with section 6E-43, especially those listed on the Hawaii register of historic places. The proposed project shall not be commenced, or, in the event it has already begun, continued, until the department shall have given its written concurrence.

The department is to provide written concurrence or non-concurrence within ninety days after the filing of a request with the department. The agency or officer seeking to proceed with the project, or any person, may appeal the department's concurrence or non-concurrence to the Hawaii historic places review board. An agency, officer, or other person who is dissatisfied with the decision of the review board may apply to the governor who may request the Hawaii advisory council on historic preservation to report or who may take action as the governor deems best in overruling or sustaining the department.

(b) The department of Hawaiian home lands, prior to any proposed project relating to lands under its jurisdiction, shall consult with the department regarding the effect of the project upon historic property or a burial site.

(c) The State, its political subdivisions, agencies, and officers shall report to the department the finding of any historic property during any project and shall cooperate with the department in the investigation, recording, preservation, and salvage of the property. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1984, c 90, §1; am L 1990, c 306, §7; am L 1995, c 187, §2; am L 1996, c 97, §7]

**[§6E-9] Investigation, recording, preservation, and salvage; appropriations.**

Whenever there is any project by any government agency on lands which are owned or controlled by the State or its political subdivisions and which have historic property or value, one per cent of the appropriations for the project or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended for the investigation, recording, preservation, and salvage of such historical property or value. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the expenditure of more than one per cent of the project appropriations for the purposes herein stated should an additional amount be necessary and mutually agreed to by the department and the government agency planning the construction or improvement. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**§6E-10 Privately owned historic property.**

(a) Before any construction, alteration, disposition or improvement of any nature, by, for, or permitted by a private landowner may be commenced which will affect an historic property on the Hawaii register of historic places, the landowner shall notify the department of the construction, alteration, disposition, or improvement of any nature and allow the department opportunity for review of the effect of the proposed construction, alteration, disposition, or improvement of any nature on the

historic property. The proposed construction, alteration, disposition, or improvement of any nature shall not be commenced, or in the event it has already begun, continue, until the department shall have given its concurrence or ninety days have elapsed. Within ninety days after notification, the department shall:

- (1) Commence condemnation proceedings for the purchase of the historic property if the department and property owner do not agree upon an appropriate course of action;
- (2) Permit the owner to proceed with the owner's construction, alteration, or improvement; or
- (3) In coordination with the owner, undertake or permit the investigation, recording, preservation, and salvage of any historical information deemed necessary to preserve Hawaiian history, by any qualified agency for this purpose.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any feature in or on an historic property that does not involve a change in design, material, or outer appearance or change in those characteristics which qualified the historic property for entry onto the Hawaii register of historic places.

(c) Any person, natural or corporate, who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000, and each day of continued violation shall constitute a distinct and separate offense under this section for which the offender may be punished.

(d) If funds for the acquisition of needed property are not available, the governor may, upon the recommendation of the department allocate from the contingency fund an amount sufficient to acquire an option on the property or for the immediate acquisition, preservation, restoration, or operation of the property.

(e) The department may enter, solely in performance of its official duties and only at reasonable times, upon private lands for examination or survey thereof. Whenever any member of the department duly authorized to conduct investigations and surveys of an historic or cultural nature determines that entry onto private lands for examination or survey of historic or cultural finding is required, the department shall give written notice of the finding to the owner or occupant of such property at least five days prior to entry. If entry is refused, the member may make a complaint to the district court in the circuit in which such land is located. The district court may thereupon issue a warrant, directed to any police officer of the circuit, commanding the officer to take sufficient aid, and, being accompanied by a member of the department, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, allow the member of the department to examine or survey the historic or cultural property. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1984, c 90, §1; am L 1992, c 113, §2]

**§6E-11 Penalties.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or corporate, to take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any historic property or aviation artifact located upon the private lands of any owner thereof without the owner's written permission being first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or corporate, to take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any historic property located upon lands owned or controlled by the State or any of its political subdivisions, except as permitted by the department.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or corporate, to knowingly take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any burial site or the contents thereof, located on private lands or lands owned or controlled by the State or any of its political subdivisions, except as permitted by the department. Violators of this subsection are also subject to prosecution pursuant to section 711-1107, the penalties for which shall be imposed in addition to, and not in lieu of, any penalties imposed under this section.

(c) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not more than \$10,000 for each separate offense. If the violator directly or indirectly has caused the loss of, or damage to, historic property or burial site, the violator shall be fined an additional amount determined by the court to be equivalent to the value of the lost or damaged historic property or burial site. Each day of continued violation of this provision shall constitute a distinct and separate offense for which the offender may be punished. Equipment used by a violator for the taking, appropriation, excavation, injury, destruction, or alteration of historic property or a burial site, or for the transportation of the violator to or from the historic property or a burial site, shall be subject to seizure and disposition by the State without compensation to its owner or owners.

(d) Any person, natural or corporate, who knowingly violates this section with respect to burial sites shall also be prohibited from participating in the construction of any state or county funded project for ten years. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1984, c 90, §1; am L 1990, c 306, §8; am L 1992, c 113, §3; am L 1996, c 97, §8]

**§6E-12 Reproductions, forgeries, and illegal sales.** (a) It shall be unlawful to reproduce, retouch, rework, or forge any historic object and to represent it or offer it for trade or sale as an original and genuine object. It shall be unlawful for any person to offer for sale or exchange any historic object with the knowledge that it has been collected or excavated in violation of any of the terms of this chapter.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Offer for sale or exchange any exhumed prehistoric or historic human skeletal remains or associated burial goods; or
- (2) Remove those goods or remains, except those remains fabricated into artifacts prehistorically, from the jurisdiction of the State without obtaining a permit from the department.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove aviation artifacts derived from state lands or agencies from the jurisdiction of the State without obtaining a permit from the department.

(d) Any person violating this section shall be fined no more than \$10,000. Each object or part of a prehistoric or historic human skeleton or associated burial good offered for sale or trade or removed from the jurisdiction in violation of this section shall constitute a distinct and separate offense for which the offender may be punished. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1990, c 306, §9; am L 1996, c. 97, §9]

**§6E-13 Enforcement.** (a) In addition to, and without limiting the other powers of the attorney general and without altering or waiving any criminal penalty provisions of this chapter, the attorney general shall have the power to bring an action in the name of the State in any court of competent jurisdiction for restraining orders and injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin violations or threatened violations of this chapter.

(b) Any person may maintain an action in the trial court having jurisdiction where the alleged violation occurred or is likely to occur for restraining orders or injunctive relief against the State, its political subdivisions, or any person upon a showing of irreparable injury, for the protection of an historic property or a burial site and the public trust therein from unauthorized or improper demolition, alteration, or transfer of the property or burial site. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1990, c 306, §10]

**[§6E-14] Preservation activities by political subdivisions.** The political subdivisions of this State may engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation, to promote the use and conservation of historic properties for the education, pleasure, and enrichment of the citizens of this State. The governing body of any political subdivision may establish an historic preservation commission to preserve, promote, and develop the historical resources of the political subdivision. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**§6E-15 Regulations, special conditions or restrictions.** In addition to any power or authority of a political subdivision to regulate by planning or zoning laws and regulations or by local laws and regulations, the governing body of any political subdivision may provide by regulations, special conditions, or restrictions for the protection, enhancement, preservation, and use of historic properties or burial sites. These regulations, special conditions, and restrictions may include appropriate and reasonable control of the use or appearance of adjacent or associated private property within the public view, or both, historic easements, preventing deterioration by willful neglect, permitting the modification of local health and building code provisions, and transferring development rights. [L 1976, c 104, pt of, §2; am L 1990, c 306, §11]

**§6E-16 Hawaii historic preservation special fund.** (a) There is established a Hawaii historic preservation special fund into which shall be deposited the following moneys:

- (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund;
- (2) Gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and private persons; and
- (3) All proceeds collected by the department derived from historic preserve user fees, historic preserve leases or concession fees, fees charged to carry out the purposes of this chapter, or the sale of goods.

All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund shall become part of the fund. The fund shall be administered by the department; provided that the department may contract with a public or private agency to provide the day-to-day management of the fund.

(b) The department may expend moneys from the fund to replenish goods, to produce public information materials, and to provide financial assistance to public agencies and private agencies in accordance with chapter 42D involved in historic preservation activities other than those covered by section 6E-9.

(c) The department shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 for the purposes of this section. [L 1989, c 388, §2; am L 1991, c 335, §2; am L 1997, c 207, §2; am L 1998, c 311, §2]

## **PART II. MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS**

### **[§6E-31] Monuments; reservation of land; relinquishment of private claims.**

Upon the recommendation of the department, the governor may declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the State to be state monuments and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected. When such objects are situated upon a tract covered by a bona fide unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the tract, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the State, and the governor may accept the relinquishment of such tracts in behalf of the State. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**§6E-32 Diamond Head State Monument.** (a) There shall be a Diamond Head State Monument as a historical site on Oahu to be administered by the department of land and natural resources, and to consist of those lands that the department considers essential to the unimpaired preservation of the visual and historic aspects of Diamond Head and those state lands more fully



described in this section that may be best used for recreational purposes and to increase public access and enjoyment of the monument.

(b) All state lands within and adjacent to the monument shall be returned to the department for inclusion within the monument, including, but not limited to, lands identified by Tax Map Key Numbers 3-1-42:6, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25, 37, and 38 and 3-1-35:22 and 23. The Na Laau Hawaii arboretum and parcels A, B, C, and D as described in Executive Order No. 2000 dated April 9, 1962, establishing the Diamond Head State Monument, shall be included within the boundaries of the Diamond Head State Monument.

[(c)] The Diamond Head State Monument Plan, adopted by the board of land and natural resources in November of 1979, shall serve as the official document setting forth the future direction of the Diamond Head State Monument.

The board of land and natural resources may amend the monument plan from time to time with the review and recommendations of the Diamond Head citizen advisory committee, organized in October of 1977.

[(d)] Notwithstanding any other law, including county ordinances, to the contrary, no expansion of buildings and other structures and no construction activity shall take place within the boundaries of the Diamond Head State Monument; provided that the board of land and natural resources may permit improvement projects that are consistent with the Diamond Head State Monument Plan of 1979 to take place.

[(e)] So much of the transfer effected pursuant to Act 138, Laws of the Territory of Hawaii 1913, from the State to the city and county of Honolulu, as relates to the transfer of the Honolulu water and sewer works at the abandoned reservoir parcels identified by Tax Map Key Number 3-1-35:22 and 23, shall be withdrawn from the operation of Act 138. The right, title, and interest of the city and county of Honolulu relating to the abandoned reservoir site identified by Tax Map Key Number 3-1-35:22 and 23, appurtenant to the water and sewer works, shall revert to and be vested in the State. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am L 1988, c 195, §2; am L 1992, c 313, §§3 to 6]

#### **Revision Note**

Subsections (c) to (e) added by revisor.

**[§6E-32.5] Mount Olomana state monument.** There is established the Mount Olomana state monument as a historic landmark on Oahu to be administered by the department of land and natural resources and to consist of those lands that the department determines to be essential to the preservation of the visual, cultural, and historical aspects and significance of Mount Olomana. Subject to legislative appropriation, the department shall acquire through purchase, land exchange, or both, those lands identified as significant to the preservation of Mount Olomana as a historic landmark. [L 1993, c 348, §2]

**[§6E-33] Captain Cook Memorial Fund.** All moneys in the Captain Cook memorial fund or which may be paid into the same from the proceeds of sales or which may be received by way of gift or otherwise for any of the purposes provided by this section, the acceptance of such gifts and the receipt of such funds being authorized, shall be expendable by the comptroller from time to time for any of the purposes provided by this section, and any original historical documents or other articles, or copies, facsimiles, or replicas thereof, so collected, and copies of publications made under this section shall be deposited in the archives of Hawaii to constitute a collection to be known as the "Captain Cook Memorial Collection".

The comptroller may purchase or otherwise acquire original books, mementos, pamphlets, documents, or other articles of historical value relating to the life of Captain James Cook, or connected with the history, discovery, and exploration of the Hawaiian Islands, or copies, facsimiles, or replicas thereof of other data relating thereto, and prepare and publish in the comptroller's discretion books, documents, pamphlets, or other publications relating thereto.

The comptroller may distribute free copies of such publications to libraries, museums, and other places of references open to the public in the United States or in other countries, not to exceed, however, one-third of the number of copies of each published. The remaining copies may be sold at

such reasonable prices as may be fixed by the comptroller, the proceeds of such sales to be paid into the trust fund. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2; am imp L 1984, c 90, §1]

**[\$6E-34] Capitol site.** The portion of the "Honolulu Civic Center" adopted by the Honolulu city planning commission on February 23, 1945, as the master plan for the city and county of Honolulu after a public hearing on February 1, 1945, for the executive-legislative center, specifically that area of Honolulu bounded by Richards, Beretania, Punchbowl, and Hotel Streets, for which lands have been acquired and preliminary plans have been designed pursuant to Act 401, Session Laws of Hawaii 1949, is designated as the capitol site for the State. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**[\$6E-35] Iolani Palace.** The official designation of the palace of the former monarchs of Hawaii shall be Iolani Palace. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**[\$6E-36] Sand Island.** The island on the southwest side of Honolulu Harbor, Oahu, 21 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds north, 157 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds west, city and county of Honolulu, proclaimed Anuenue (also known as Rainbow Island) by memorandum 1969-4 of the governor shall be named Sand Island. The name Sand Island shall be used on all official state maps, documents, and correspondence. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**[\$6E-37] National statuary hall; Father Damien.** The State of Hawaii exercises its prerogative pursuant to section 2 of "An Act making appropriation for sundry Civil Expenses of the Government for the Year ending the Thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and sixty-five and for other Purposes" (Act of July 2, 1864 of the Thirty-Eighth Congress, Section 1814 of the Revised Statutes) and designates the Reverend Joseph Damien deVeuster, SS. CC., as a citizen of Hawaii worthy of commemoration in the national statuary hall. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**[\$6E-38] National statuary hall; King Kamehameha I.** King Kamehameha I is selected as one of the two illustrious, deceased persons whose statue shall be furnished by the State of Hawaii for placement in the national statuary hall in the national capitol pursuant to Title 40 USC 187. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**[\$6E-38.5] Kohala Historical Sites State Monument.** There shall be a Kohala Historical Sites State Monument as an historical site on the island of Hawaii which shall include a cluster of historical sites including, but not limited to, the Mo'okini Heiau, the Kamehameha birthsite, the Kukuipahu Heiau, and, upon acquisition by the State, the Mahukona historical sites. The monument shall be administered by the department of land and natural resources and shall consist of lands essential to the unimpaired preservation of the visual, cultural, and historical aspects of the Mo'okini Luakini, Kamehameha birthsite, Kukuipahu Heiau, and Mahukona historical sites. The monument shall be for educational and cultural purposes and there shall be public access for enjoyment of the sites which are included within the monument.

The real property to be included within the monument shall include:

- (1) Mo'okini Luakini, Kamehameha birthsite, and Kukuipahu Heiau owned by the State;
- (2) Historical sites at Mahukona and sufficient additional land surrounding all of the monument sites to preserve and protect them with adequate buffers and provide public access, including but not limited to those lands running along the coast between Huinamaka and Kalaelimukoko and those lands mauka of the Mo'okini Heiau encompassing the area formerly used for the housing of the Mo'okini priests and family gravesites, to be acquired by the State through gifts or land exchanges and to be designated by the board of land and natural resources as part of the monument upon acquisition. [L 1992, c 166, §2]

**§6E-39 Jurisdiction over World War II memorial.** The jurisdiction and control of the World War II memorial, located in the front of the state office building in Honolulu, is vested in the state department of accounting and general services. [L 1976, c 104, pt of §2]

**§6E-40 Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.** The official designation of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum shall be the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. The qualifying standards and conditions related to the receipt of funds contained in chapter 42D shall not apply to funds received by the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; provided that if the museum in turn contracts with a recipient or provider, then the qualifying standards, conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42D shall apply to the recipient or provider and the contract. [L 1988, c 398, §4; am L 1991, c 335, §3]

**§6E-41 Cemeteries; removal or redesignation.** (a) Any person removing or redesignating any cemetery shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the State, requesting persons having information concerning the cemetery or persons buried in it to report that information to the department;
- (2) Photograph the cemetery generally, and take separate photographs of all headstones located in the cemetery;
- (3) Turn over to the department all photographs and any other relevant historical records;
- (4) Move all headstones to the place of reinterment; and
- (5) Obtain the written concurrence of the department prior to any removal or redesignation if the cemetery has existed for more than fifty years.

(b) The requirements of subsection (a) shall be in addition to any requirements imposed by the department of health. [L 1988, c 265, pt of §1; am L 1990, c 22, §2]

**§6E-42 Review of proposed projects.** (a) Before any agency or officer of the State or its political subdivisions approves any project involving a permit, license, certificate, land use change, subdivision, or other entitlement for use, which may affect historic property, aviation artifacts, or a burial site, the agency or office shall advise the department and prior to any approval allow the department an opportunity for review and comment on the effect of the proposed project on historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites, consistent with section 6E-43, including those listed in the Hawaii register of historic places.

(b) The department shall inform the public of any project proposals submitted to it under this section which are not otherwise subject to the requirement of a public hearing or other public notification. [L 1988, c 265, pt of §1; am L 1990, c 306, §12; am L 1995, c 187, §3; am L 1996, c 97, §10]

**§6E-43 Prehistoric and historic burial sites.** (a) At any site, other than a known, maintained, actively used cemetery where human skeletal remains are discovered or are known to be buried and appear to be over fifty years old, the remains and their associated burial goods shall not be moved without the department's approval.

(b) All burial sites are significant and shall be preserved in place until compliance with this section is met, except as provided in section 6E-43.6. The appropriate island burial council shall determine whether preservation in place or relocation of previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites is warranted, following criteria which shall include recognition that burial sites of high preservation value, such as areas with a concentration of skeletal remains, or prehistoric or historic burials associated with important individuals and events, or areas that are within a context of historic properties, or have known lineal descendants, shall receive greater consideration for preservation in place. The criteria shall be developed by the department in consultation with the councils, office of Hawaiian affairs, representatives of development and large property owner interests, and appropriate Hawaiian organizations, such as Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei, through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91. A council's determination shall be rendered within forty-five days of referral by

the department unless otherwise extended by agreement between the landowner and the department.

(c) Council determinations may be administratively appealed to a panel composed of three council chairpersons and three members from the board of land and natural resources as a contested case pursuant to chapter 91. In addition to the six members, the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall preside over the contested case and vote only in the event of a tie.

(d) Within ninety days following the final determination, a preservation or mitigation plan shall be approved by the department in consultation with any lineal descendants, the respective council, other appropriate Hawaiian organizations, and any affected property owner.

(e) Should the burial site prove to be other than Hawaiian, the department, within thirty days shall determine whether preservation in place or relocation is warranted, and within an additional ninety days a preservation or mitigation plan shall be approved by the department in consultation with any lineal descendants, appropriate ethnic organizations, and any affected property owner. [L 1988, c 265, pt of §1; am L 1990, c 306, §13; am L 1992, c 113, §4]

**[§6E-43.5] Island burial councils; creation; appointment; composition; duties.**

(a) The department shall establish island burial councils for Hawaii, Maui/Lanai, Molokai, Oahu, and Kauai/Niihau, to implement section 6E-43.

(b) Appointment of members to the councils shall be made by the governor, in accordance with section 26-34, from a list provided by the department, provided that a minimum of twenty per cent of the regional representatives shall be appointed from a list of at least nine candidates provided by the office of Hawaiian affairs. The department shall develop the list in consultation with appropriate Hawaiian organizations, such as Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei. The membership of each council shall include at least one representative from each geographic region of the island as well as representatives of development and large property owner interests. Regional representatives shall be selected from the Hawaiian community on the basis of their understanding of the culture, history, burial beliefs, customs, and practices of native Hawaiians. The councils shall have a minimum of nine and a maximum of fifteen members, and have a ratio of not more than three to one and no less than two to one in favor of regional representatives.

(c) The department, in consultation with the councils, office of Hawaiian affairs, representatives of development and large property owner interests, and appropriate Hawaiian organizations, such as Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. The council members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred during the performance of their duties. The councils shall be a part of the department for administrative purposes.

(d) The councils shall hold meetings and acquire information as they deem necessary and shall communicate their findings and recommendations to the department. Notwithstanding section 92-3, whenever the location and description of burial sites are under consideration, the councils may hold closed meetings. Concurrence of a majority of the members present at a meeting shall be necessary to make any action of a council valid.

(e) Department records relating to the location and description of historic sites, including burial sites, if deemed sensitive by a council or the Hawaii historic places review board, are exempted from the requirements of section 92F-12.

(f) The councils shall:

- (1) Determine the preservation or relocation of previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites;
- (2) Assist the department in the inventory and identification of native Hawaiian burial sites;
- (3) Make recommendations regarding appropriate management, treatment, and protection of native Hawaiian burial sites, and on any other matters relating to native Hawaiian burial sites;
- (4) Elect a chairperson for a four-year term who shall serve for not more than two consecutive terms; and
- (5) Maintain a list of appropriate Hawaiian organizations, agencies, and offices to notify regarding the discovery of remains. [L 1990, c 306, pt of §3]

**[§6E-43.6] Inadvertent discovery of burial sites.** (a) In the event human skeletal remains are inadvertently discovered, any activity in the immediate area that could damage the remains or the potential historic site shall cease until the requirements of subsections (b) to (d) have been met.

(b) The discovery shall be reported as soon as possible to the department, the appropriate medical examiner or coroner, and the appropriate police department. As soon as practicable, the department shall notify the appropriate council and the office of Hawaiian affairs.

(c) After notification of the discovery of multiple skeletons, the following shall be done within two working days, if on Oahu, and three working days, if in other council jurisdictions:

- (1) A representative of the medical examiner or coroner's office and a qualified archaeologist shall examine the remains to determine jurisdiction. If the remains are the responsibility of the medical examiner or coroner, the department's involvement shall end. If the remains are historic or prehistoric burials, then the remainder of this section shall apply;
- (2) The department shall gather sufficient information, including oral tradition, to document the nature of the burial context and determine appropriate treatment of the remains. Members of the appropriate council shall be allowed to oversee the on-site examination and, if warranted, removal; and
- (3) If removal of the remains is warranted, based on criteria developed by the department, in consultation with the councils, office of Hawaiian affairs, representatives of development and large property owner interests, and appropriate Hawaiian organizations, such as Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei, through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91, the removal of the remains shall be overseen by a qualified archaeologist and a mitigation plan shall be prepared by the department or with the concurrence of the department.

(d) In cases involving the discovery of a single skeleton, the requirements of subsection (c) shall be fulfilled in one working day if on Oahu, and two working days if in other council jurisdictions.

(e) The mitigation plan developed by or with the concurrence of the department pursuant to subsection (c)(3) shall be carried out in accordance with the following:

- (1) In discoveries related to development where land alteration project activities exist, the landowner, permittee, or developer shall be responsible for the execution of the mitigation plan including relocation of remains. Justifiable delays resulting from the discovery of burials shall not count against any contractor's completion date agreement;
- (2) Project activities shall resume once necessary archaeological excavations provided in the mitigation plan have been completed;
- (3) In nonproject contexts, the department shall be responsible for the execution of the mitigation plan and the relocation of remains; and
- (4) The department shall verify the successful execution of the mitigation plan.

(f) In cases where remains are archaeologically removed, the department shall determine the place of relocation, after consultation with the appropriate council, affected property owners, representatives of the relevant ethnic group, and any identified lineal descendants, as appropriate. Relocation shall conform with requirements imposed by the department of health, and may be accompanied by traditional ceremonies, as determined by the lineal descendants, or, if no lineal descendants are identified, the appropriate council or representatives of the relevant ethnic group that the department deems appropriate. Specific or special reinterment requests from lineal or cultural descendants may be accommodated provided that the additional expenses incurred are paid by the affected descendants. [L 1990, c 306, pt of §3]

**[§6E-44 Veterans memorial commission.]** There is established a commission whose function is to plan and select works of art for memorials to the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts as well as to select a site for the memorials. The commission shall be composed of nine members appointed by the governor, and shall include veterans from these conflicts; of the nine members, three shall be selected from a list of persons nominated by the speaker of the house of representatives, and three shall be selected from a list of persons nominated by the senate president. Confirmation of commission members shall not be required. [L 1988, c 112, §3]

**[§6E-45 Korean and Vietnam memorial.]** The memorial to the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts shall be constructed on the Ewa lawn of the state capitol among the trees near the Richards Street border, bounded on one side by the covered stairway (with appropriate setback), Richards Street (with appropriate setback), and Beretania Street (with appropriate setback). The height of the memorial shall not exceed twenty feet, keeping in proportion with other statuary located in the immediate area. The design of the memorial shall utilize the natural assets of the site, with secluded areas of wall and trees for purposes of remembrance and meditation. [L 1992, c 323, §1]

**Note**

Design of memorial; review board; war memorial hall at Aiea bay state recreation area. L 1992, c 323, §§2 to 4.

**[PART III.] PACIFIC WAR MEMORIAL SYSTEM**

**[§6E-51 Department of land and natural resources; powers.]** The department may create and maintain a living war memorial commemorating the sacrifices of Hawaii's heroic dead of World War II; accept land or other property or assets transferred to it by the State or any county for the accomplishment of its objectives; adopt a seal; and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for the purposes of this part.

The department may also promote and secure the cooperation of national agencies, such as the American Battle Monuments Commission, and other organizations, public or private, seeking to accomplish similar objectives.

In addition, the department may:

- (1) Solicit gifts and contributions and publicize the purposes for which such gifts and contributions are being solicited;
- (2) Advise federal and state agencies of the department's purposes and objectives, as well as private individuals and corporations in Hawaii and other States;
- (3) Accept all gifts and contributions from governmental agencies and private persons, except such gifts as may be conditioned upon some restriction of its authority or the purposes for which it is created;
- (4) Grant to the American Battle Monuments Commission all rights necessary, and not in conflict with this part, for the erection and maintenance of battle monuments;
- (5) Prepare plans and develop all lands which may be placed under its jurisdiction for war memorial purposes and in that connection cooperate with the director of transportation and such other government and private organizations as may be interested in or affected by the projects;
- (6) Enter into contracts and agreements with the government or private agencies for the attainment of its authorized purposes; and
- (7) Utilize such contributions of labor, materials, and property, including money, as may be allocated or otherwise made available to it by any person or instrumentality whatsoever, if in the judgment of the department the acceptance thereof will not limit the scope of the purposes of this part. [L 1981, c 135, pt of §3]

**[§6E-52 Transfer of lands.]** Any county or the State may transfer lands to the department for the purposes of this part, which are declared public purposes, on any terms or conditions or tenure or otherwise as the county or the State may desire to impose, any other law restricting such transfer, or restricting the type, location or classification of lands which may be transferred, to the contrary notwithstanding. Lands under Executive Order No. 1534, dated November 19, 1952, are transferred to the department of land and natural resources; provided that the aforesaid land under Executive Order No. 1534, subject to current encumbrances and the agreement reached on August 3, 1961, between the Pacific War Memorial Commission of Hawaii and the Disabled American Veterans, shall be used for the purposes for which that land was set aside, a site for the creation and maintenance of a living war memorial as provided by Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 1949, as amended by Joint Resolution 37, Session Laws of Hawaii 1951. [L 1981, c 135, pt of §3]

**[PART IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS]**

**[\$6E-61] Biological survey; designation.** A Hawaii biological survey is established and designated as a program of the State of Hawaii museum of natural and cultural history. The survey shall consist of an ongoing natural history inventory of the Hawaiian archipelago to locate, identify, evaluate, and maintain the reference collections of all native and non-native species of flora and fauna within the State for a wide range of uses. The survey shall coordinate with and complement the work of the Hawaii heritage program, established by chapter 195, which manages data on rare native plants, animals, and natural communities throughout the State. To expand the use, control, and knowledge of biological species, the survey shall also be conducted in coordination with the existing databases of the department of agriculture, the department of land and natural resources, the University of Hawaii, and other appropriate organizations. [L 1992, c 111, §2]