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STATE OF HAWAII

S. R. NO.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE WAIKIKI WAR MEMORIAL NATATORIUM

WHEREAS, the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium and the surrounding lands are owned by the State of Hawaii, but their management and operation have been transferred to the Department of Parks and Recreation, of the City and County of Honolulu, by Executive Order Number 1446, dated June 14, 1951; and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Natatorium has structurally deteriorated to the point where serious questions of safety are raised; and

WHEREAS, City Building Superintendent reported that an inspection on April 28, 1978 confirmed the Donald Wolbrink and Associates 1965 study, as well as the City's 1971 and 1976 inspections, that this structure is unsafe and should be demolished unless extensively repaired; and

WHEREAS, a recent estimate of \$2 million has been advanced with respect to major restoration of the Natatorium; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources appeared before the Finance, Expenditures and Operations Committee of the Honolulu City Council at its meeting on December 6, 1978 and requested that the City turn the authority to manage and operate the Natatorium site over to the State of Hawaii to enable the State to conduct studies necessary for decision-making on this matter; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1979 the Honolulu City Council approved Resolution Number 79-89 which outlined the following: 1) return the management and operation of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium and adjacent lands to the State of Hawaii; 2) petition the State of Hawaii to cancel Executive Order Number 1446 and 3) request the State of Hawaii to determine the ultimate use and disposition of the Natatorium; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution Number 78-89 was transmitted to the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, a tentative proposal has been discussed with respect to a private developer who might be interested in rehabilitating and leasing the Natatorium facility and surrounding area; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Eleventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1981, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources prepare a report concerning the disposition of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include but not be limited to jurisdiction of the land and Natatorium facility and future plans and possible use of this facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department shall consult with various interested persons and groups in preparing the report, including but not limited to the Marine Affairs Coordinator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources shall submit this report to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the 1982 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Susumu Ono, Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Mr. Robert Masuda, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu and Mr. Hideto Kono, Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development.