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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 504
RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE**

Senate Bill 504 proposes to appropriate funds for the repair, restoration, and maintenance of 'Iolani Palace's coronation pavilion. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is in strong support of funding cost elements at 'Iolani Palace State Monument and offers the following comments supporting this measure.**

The Department executed a 25-year general lease with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace (Friends) to manage and operate 'Iolani Palace (Palace), 'Iolani Palace Barracks (Hale Koa) and the Coronation Pavilion (Keli'iponi Hale). The Friends are authorized to host events via special use permits to generate funding to support the management and maintenance costs of this unique and significant historic and cultural feature. The Division of State Parks (Parks) regulates and manages the various special use activities and events of the adjacent four quadrants that comprise the grounds surrounding the buildings. Parks also administers and executes capital improvement projects (CIP) for the buildings and appurtenant structures. The last major CIP was for the restoration of the fence and walls surrounding the Palace. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) performs all of the grounds and tree maintenance functions and manages the parking areas surrounding the Palace.

In addition to the Coronation Pavilion, the Department has identified two additional CIP related improvement projects to sustain the historic character and protect public safety at 'Iolani Palace.

The Coronation Pavilion

This iconic feature was built for the coronation of King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani on February 12, 1883. The pavilion was later moved from its original site near the King Street steps.

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More recently the Coronation Pavilion was used for the inauguration of the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i and via permit, for community and cultural events throughout the year.

The last major repair of the Coronation Pavilion was in 1983. Repairs since then have been minor and routine. The Friends recently began what they thought would be minor repairs to the Coronation Pavilion, however, the work exposed just how badly damaged parts of the structure are. This underscored the need for major repairs to the wooden and concrete elements of the structure.

The Pergolas

These are the two shelters with concrete pillars made from palm tree molds supporting shade plants with benches underneath.

These unique features appear on a 1930 map of the grounds so they are at least 90 years old. They may have been built at the same time as the fountain as part of the grounds beautification project in the early 1920s. The concrete pillars are spalling and the reinforced rebar is exposed and rusting – so in addition to losing historic resources – safety is jeopardized.

The Fountain

This feature was built sometime around 1920 or 1921 as part of the grounds beautification project. It was built at the site of an artesian well completed in 1883. The last major repair of the fountain was in 1984 and it has subsequently been shut down and needs repairs.

The Department is requesting funding to restore and repair the Coronation Pavilion, the two Pergolas and the Fountain.

Estimated Repair and Renovation Costs

Coronation Pavilion	
Planning, Design and Oversight	\$ 45,000
Construction	\$300,000
Pergolas	
Planning, Design and Oversight	\$ 5,000
Construction	\$100,000
Fountain	
Planning, Design and Oversight	\$ 5,000
Construction	\$ 45,000
Planning, Design and Oversight	\$ 55,000
Construction	<u>\$445,000</u>
TOTAL COST REPAIR	\$500,000

The Department deeply appreciates this measure to help sustain the integrity and historic character at one of Hawaii’s most iconic and culturally important features.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Tuesday, February 12, 2019
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: **SB 504, Relating to 'Iolani Palace**

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in **support for SB 504**. The bill would appropriate funds for the repair, restoration and maintenance of 'Iolani Palace's coronation pavilion.

The Coronation Pavilion, also known as Keli'iponi Hale, is a contributing structure to the 'Iolani Palace State Monument, the 'Iolani Place National Historic Landmark and the Hawaii State Capital National Historic District.

The pavilion is an octagonal wood structure built for the coronation of King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani in 1883, nine years after his original ascension. It was originally built in front the King Street Steps of the Palace and was connected to the first-floor lānai by a bridge. After the coronation, the pavilion was moved to its current location. Each section of the pavilion is decorated with the shield of Hawaii and those of other countries. Kalākaua had crowns commissioned in London for the coronation during his round-the-world trip; they were modeled after those of the Russian Tsars, and included many precious stones as well as polished kukui cabochons. The original pavilion was destroyed by termites; it was rebuilt with concrete basement, balustrades and columns in 1919, making it strong enough to serve as a bomb shelter during World War II. The copper dome is original.

Today, the Royal Hawaiian Band plays routinely at the Coronation Pavilion as they did in Kalākaua's day, which is why it is sometimes called the Bandstand. It has also been used for inaugurations of Governors of the State of Hawaii.

It was last restored in 1983 for its 100th anniversary. All properties require maintenance and periodic capital improvements. The coronation pavilion is a significant historic structure that should be cared for, restored and appropriately used for the education and inspiration of Hawaii's people.

Since 1974, Historic Hawaii Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. Its members and supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

Therefore, Historic Hawaii Foundation supports SB 504.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Shklov	Testifying for Iolani Palace	Support	No

Comments:

The Friends of Iolani Palace supports SB 504. The Coronation Pavilion on the grounds of Iolani Palace represents the history and culture of the Hawaiian Monarchy and should be carefully preserved for the People of Hawaii.

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Testimony for LCA on 2/12/2019 3:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:31:57 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/12/2019 3:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kendrick Farm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: