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**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Monday, February 25, 2013  
1:30 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1227, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE**

House Bill 1227, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate unspecified amounts of funds in Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the implementation of capital improvement program (CIP) projects envisioned in Phases I and II of the 'Iolani Palace (Palace) grounds master plan. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure as it is consistent with the goals and objectives of returning the Palace grounds, as closely as possible, to the way they were during the Hawaiian Monarchy. **The Department supports this measure provided it does not otherwise adversely impact the priorities in the Administration's biennium budget request.**

The Department notes that, while it has jurisdiction of the Palace grounds, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) is actually responsible for the maintenance. As some of the improvements envisioned in the master plan include more intricate landscaping, it is likely that staffing and operational funding for DAGS will need to be increased in order to maintain the grounds in a fashion befitting the Palace. As such, the Department defers to DAGS on what their funding needs would be.

For the Committee's information, the Department has been working with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace on a CIP project to refurbish the Palace grounds perimeter fence and wall. That project will go out to bid within the next few months.

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### **HB 1227 HD1**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support** of this measure.

It has been a long term goal of The Friends of Iolani Palace to restore all eleven acres of the Palace grounds to what it looked like in 1892. An initial master plan was developed in 1981, and updated in early 2012. The plan contains three phases, all contingent on state funding.

Our current priority is contained in Phase I, which calls for the restoration and repair of the entire perimeter fencing, gates, and concrete walls which delineate the grounds. We have been working with DLNR's Division of State Parks to identify areas of primary concern and secure sufficient state CIP funds to address them.

Mahalo.