

TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair Rep. Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair

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<u>HB 1227</u>

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments supporting the intent 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 funding.

The proposal called for in this bill is part of Phase III of our Master Plan. Our current priority is to begin 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 this project as our top priority and secure sufficient state CIP funds to execute it.

While we wholeheartedly agree that parking meters are unsightly, an interim solution would be to replace all meters with centralized parking kiosks.

Mahalo.