# SCR29 – SR10

Measure Title:	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO CHOOSE A LOCATION FOR, BUILD, AND OPERATE AN INFORMATIONAL KIOSK FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF HONOLULU.
Report Title:	Honolulu Historic District; Informational Kiosk.
Description:	
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	THA/TEC, WAM
Introducer(s):	ESPERO, Galuteria, Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Shimabukuro, Slom

<u>Sort by</u> Date		Status Text	
2/4/2013	S	Offered.	
2/28/2013	S	Referred to THA/TEC, WAM.	
3/28/2013	s	The committee(s) on THA/TEC has scheduled a public hearing on 04-01-13 3:05PM in conference room 224.	

# TESTIMONY LIST

Dean Seki	Department of Accounting	SUPPORT
	and General Services	
Eva Laird Smith	HI State Foundation of	SUPPORT
	Culture and Arts	
Mike McCartney	Hawaii Tourism Authority	OPPOSE
Troy Abraham		SUPPORT

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### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS ON April 1, 2013

#### S.C.R. 29 / S.R. 10

#### URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO CHOOSE A LOCATION FOR, BUILD, AND OPERATE AN INFORMATIONAL KIOSK FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF HONOLULU

Chairs Galuteria, Wakai and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit

written testimony on S.C.R. 29 / S.R. 10.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.C.R. 29 /

S.R. 10, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive

Budget.

DAGS defers to the Hawaii Tourism Authority on project funding for required planning, design

and construction work and operational and maintenance considerations related to the constructed

informational kiosk.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



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#### TESTIMONY OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS ON APRIL 1, 2013

#### SCR 29 / SR 10

Chair Galuteria, Chair Wakai, and members of the Committees, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. I am pleased to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 29 / Senate Resolution 10, provided passage of these resolutions do not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts situated in the historic No.1 Capitol District Building just across the State Capitol, has been involved in encouraging the growth of cultural tourism since the decision was made to move our agency to its current location in the heart of the Capitol District. We opened the Hawai'i State Art Museum in 2002, a café and amenities a few years later, and our interest has always been to share Hawaii's history and culture with our residents and visitors through a visitor information program.

Today, our HiSAM volunteers staff the information desk on the ground floor of our building, providing information and a warm welcome to all visitors. An informational kiosk within the historic district would greatly facilitate recreational visits to the downtown area, and serve to highlight the various cultural differences along a cultural hub.

We are long overdue for attractive signage and directional displays of not only historic buildings and the State Capitol, but also the downtown business district where First Friday programs, restaurants, private art galleries, and retail shops continue to grow. Our agency stands ready to facilitate the development of an informational kiosk, with support from DAGS and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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#### Testimony of Mike McCartney President and Chief Executive Officer Hawai'i Tourism Authority on

#### S.C.R. 29 and S.R. 10 Urging the Department of Accounting and General Services and Hawaii Tourism Authority to Choose a Location for, Build, and Operate an Informational Kiosk for the Public in the Historic District of Honolulu Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts Monday, April 1, 2013 3:05 p.m. Conference Room 224

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) opposes S.C.R. 29 and S.R. 10, which urge the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Hawaii Tourism Authority to build and operate an information kiosk in Honolulu's historic district.

HTA does not actively build/develop or operate informational kiosks. The HTA works with public and private entities and nonprofit organizations to develop and rejuvenate various elements of the tourism product, but does not get involved in the building and operating of any visitor products.

Any of the organizations mentioned in the resolutions may apply through HTA's Product Enrichment Program for the development and operation of any program to promote and support their historic programs.

For these reasons we oppose S.C.R. 29 and S.R. 10 and request that they be held.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments.

## <u>SR10</u> Submitted on: 3/29/2013 Testimony for THA/TEC on Apr 1, 2013 15:05PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: I support passage of bill to create a kiosk where people can learn all about Hawaii's culture and history.

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