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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 8, 2019
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1406
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR IOLANI PALACE**

House Bill 1406 proposes to appropriate funds for Iolani Palace's maintenance and operating costs. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is in 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 (FOIP) to manage and operate Iolani Palace, Iolani Palace Barracks (Hale Koa) and the Coronation Pavilion. FOIP is 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 (DSP) regulates and manages the various special use activities and events of the adjacent four quadrants that comprise the grounds surrounding the buildings. DSP 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 – which had not been restored for over 100 years. 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. The Department is in support of DAGS receiving additional funding to cover cost elements.

In addition to this internal facility cost maintenance bill, there are other measures that may transfer the operation of the parking areas from DAGS to DSP. If approved, DSP would reduce the parking footprint to add sanctity to the Palace experience and will seek additional funds to remove the current parking infrastructure and resurface the asphalt into a condition that is more aesthetically and historically appropriate for the ambiance of the Palace.

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There is also a measure that would allocate additional funds for the restoration of the Coronation Pavilion – a critically historic feature that is in dire need of deferred maintenance. The adjacent two small picnic pavilions would also be repaired and restored.

It is very encouraging and the Department deeply appreciates these measures to add value and more importantly, sustain one of the most iconic features in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Ryan L. Yamane, Chair

Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2019

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

RE: HB 1406 Relating to Making an Appropriation for Iolani Palace

To the Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair; the Honorable Chris Todd, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 1406 relating to Making an Appropriation for Iolani Palace.**

HB 1406 appropriates funds for Iolani Palace's maintenance and operating costs.

Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawai'i and deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments. DPH supports the growth of Native Hawaiian . . . healing practices. DPH values and wishes to foster the preservation of our host culture.

DPH acknowledges the past injustices and the misguided, harmful Federal and State policies and actions based on outdated and discredited values and beliefs that resulted in the destruction of the Hawaiian Nation's economies, social, and religious systems, the taking of their lands, and the creation of intergenerational trauma that exists to this day. DPH believes that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people.

DPH also supports efforts for self-governance and self-determination of Native Hawaiians whose values are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. DPH supports proactive actions by the Federal and State governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, and

education. DPH recognizes and honors the contributions and sacrifices made in service to our county by Native Hawaiians.

DPH supports the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs.

DPH supports educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture and history as a foundation to prepare students for success in college, career and communities. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018), p. 15, ln. 32-35, 38-50, p. 16, ln. 3-4.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., to support educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture and history, OCCLP supports HB 1406 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

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