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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020
12:40 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3011, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY**

Senate Bill 3011, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for the purposes of restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.**

The Department has 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.

As with other state park units across the State, 'Iolani Palace has been subject to years of deferred maintenance and inadequate reinvestment and operational support. The FOIP has done a magnificent job of stewardship and providing programs with the limited resources at their disposal based on fees and donations. It is difficult to prioritize the list of deferred maintenance projects that are critically needed at 'Iolani Palace. However, this current list in the measure, if fully funded, will provide both the assurance of the physical integrity of many of the historical structural elements and improve the experience to the palace patrons in the years to come. Given the unique value as one of our most esteemed cultural assets, it is a moral imperative to redirect funds for the sustainability of 'Iolani Palace.

The Department appreciates the reinvestment of one of the State's most valuable cultural assets. The appropriation of general funds would be designated for restoration and repairs and would assist with the FOIP list of high priority items.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Time: 12:40 p.m.

Date: February 25, 2020

Room: State Capitol Room 211

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee

RE: In Support of SB 3011, SD1, Relating to the State of Hawai'i Museum of Monarchy History

The listed organizations write in **SUPPORT** of SB3011, SD1, which appropriates funds for restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and a permanent groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace.

As the official residence of Hawai'i's last reigning monarchs, King David Kalākaua and Queen Lili'uokalani, and as the capitol building for the Republic, Territory, and eventually, the State of Hawai'i, 'Iolani Palace preserves a significant time in Hawai'i's past that inspires our modern national and cultural identity.

In allocating funds for the maintenance of this important historic site, we ensure that future generations can learn of our unique history and develop an understanding of who they are and where they come from. In doing so, we build meaningful connections between Hawai'i and its people, promoting aloha for our home and community.

State funds are necessary to ensuring the care, protection and preservation of this priceless historic site, which is of tremendous importance to Hawai'i's people. Accordingly, we ask you to support this bill and urge the Committee to **PASS** SB3011, SD1.

Testimony of Mark T. Shklov in Support of Senate Bill 3011 SD1

My name is Mark T. Shklov. I am a Hawaii Lawyer and a Member of The Board of Directors of The Friends of Iolani Palace.

I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 3011 SD1.

The Friends of Iolani Palace is the non-profit corporation whose Mission is “to preserve, restore, interpret, share and celebrate the unique cultural, historical, and spiritual qualities of Iolani Palace and its grounds for the benefit of and to serve Native Hawaiians, the People of Hawaii, and the World”.

Senate Bill 3011 SD1 states that the Legislature supports the Palace's Mission and appropriates funds for the restoration, repair, and a full time groundskeeper for Iolani Palace.

These funds are vital to the preservation and promotion of Iolani Palace as a symbol of Hawaii's Aloha Spirit and unique place in the World, which I believe was King Kalakaua's vision when he built Iolani Palace.

If Iolani Palace is properly preserved, restored, and protected, it can provide inspiration to Hawaii's people, especially Hawaii's children, now and into the future. Iolani Palace is a unique asset that will continue to benefit the people of Hawaii and the world if it is appreciated and cared for.

Senate Bill 3011 SD1 would help The Friends of Iolani Palace continue King Kalakaua's vision and assure Iolani Palace's beneficiaries, the people of Hawaii and the World, that it will be standing for future generations.

Mahalo,

Mark T. Shklov

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:01:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara, and members of the committee -

I am testifying in my personal capacity and as a board member of The Friends of Iolani Palace in **support** of SB 3011 SD1.

The mission of The Friends of Iolani Palace is to repair, restore and maintain this wahi pana, or sacred place. Also to share the story of a pivotal time in Hawaii history with our residents and the world.

With the Palace being 138 years old, the maintenance requirements have grown substantially and there is so much that needs to be done to ensure Iolani Palace remains a living symbol of a proud Hawaiian Nation and its stance in the world.

While the Palace does generate income through ticket and gift shop sales, donations, memberships and events, it is not enough and additional funding is needed for restoration and repair, as well as operations and maintenance.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3011 SD1.

Brian Kealoha



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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAM**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020
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**In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 3011 SD1
RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, and Committee Members,

I am Paula Akana, executive director of The Friends of Iolani Palace.

We strongly support Senate Bill 3011 SD1.

This bill would provide much needed funding to repair and protect Iolani Palace. It would also provide money for operations/maintenance, as well as a dedicated groundskeeper to help keep up this large area.

Iolani Palace is a wahi pana, a very special place. It is where Hawaii's two last reigning monarchs walked the halls and where international diplomacy took place. It is also the sight of a sad moment in Hawaii history, the overthrow of the Hawaiian government. Following that, it was used as government buildings until the opening of the Hawaii State Capitol.

If these walls could talk!

They cannot, so that is the mission of The Friends of Iolani Palace -- to help protect this precious place and tell her story.

The Friends depends on ticket and gift shop sales, events, membership and donations to pay the bills. And it is getting increasingly more difficult to balance the budget when there are increasing repair and maintenance costs.

The Palace is 138 years old. There are many things that need to be repaired.

That includes the roof, coronation pavilion, pergolas, broken windows, doors/hinges/locks, rusted columns and railings, and rotted lanai floors. The exterior plaster work and painting is needed as well.

This would allow us to begin that process.

The work should be done in a timely manner, before it is much more expensive or more problems result.

State funds are necessary to ensure Iolani Palace is here for future generations.

I thank you for your consideration and urge the committee to PASS SB3011 SD1.

Aloha,
Paula Akana



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Hawai'i Tourism Authority
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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SENATE BILL NO. 3011 SD1
RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Senate Bill 3011 SD1, which appropriates funds for the purposes of restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and one permanent full-time equivalent groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace.

SB3011 SD1 would help 'Iolani Palace begin to address the many structural issues impacting this historic landmark that is now approaching more than 138 years since its construction was complete. Supporting this historical landmark with these funds and a permanent full-time groundskeeper will protect and preserve the Palace while also improving the overall experience for both visitors and residents. 'Iolani Palace, the only official royal residence in the U.S., is a National Historic Landmark that draws tens of thousands of visitors, which includes residents and non-residents, every year. Providing these additional resources will ultimately ensure that this incredibly important and culturally significant historic icon is preserved and protected for generations to come.

It is for these reasons that HTA **supports** SB3011 SD1. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-3011-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2020 12:12:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharlene Chun Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

As a volunteer docent for `Iolani Palace, I have the pleasure of taking guests of all ages--including our school children--through the Palace and telling them the history of our ali`i and how much they cared for their people. It is a source of pride for our Hawaiian people and everyone who calls Hawaii home. Guests from out of state and out of country are inevitably impressed.

Please support SB3011 SD1 which will provide much needed funds to make repairs to Iolani Palace-- to protect and preserve for it for our future generations and visitors to come--and to provide for the equivalent of a full time groundskeeper to keep the trees, buildings and garden in top shape.

Mahalo nui loa,

Shar Chun-Lum

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawena Beupre	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support Senate Bill 3011. Iolani Palace is a national historic landmark and state treasure. This funding is vital its maintenance and upkeep and is well overdue.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of
PONO SHIM
In Support of SB 3011 SD1
Relating to the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of SB 3011 SD1 which would provide \$2 million in funding to help repair and restore Iolani Palace, The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History, and also provide \$250,000 to help with its operations and maintenance.

I also serve as part of the Executive Board of the Friends of Iolani Palace and SB3011 SD1 will help provide vital support as we continue our work to repair, restore and maintain this special place and its unique history.

Iolani Palace opened its doors in 1882 and represents a pivotal point in the history of Hawaii. The funding provided through SB 3011 SD1 will help to ensure that this story is preserved and shared with Hawaii's visitors and our future generations.

Mahalo,
Pono Shim