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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
LABOR, CULTURE, AND ARTS**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019
3:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 798
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Bill 798 proposes to appropriate funds for the digitization of records, files, and other materials of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department supports this measure provided that this appropriation does not adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the Executive Budget request.**

SHPD has approximately 3.7 million pages of documents that includes information essential to staff, consultants, planners, and project proponents is in the process of complying with the substantive requirements of Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes. These records are cumbersome to access and use, and materially slow the process of reviewing projects. In addition, the creation of an electronic data management system is the final requirement imposed on the state of Hawaii by the National Park Service's Corrective Action Plan. Making continuing progress on the data management system is critical to completing the corrective action plan and liftin of the state historic preservation division's status as a "high risk" recipient of federal funds.

To date, SHPD has completed digitization of approximately 1.5 million pages of documents and part of its library and archive. The funds to be appropriated by Senate Bill 798 will allow SHPD to digitize the remainder of its library in Kapolei, as well as digitize the records help in its neighbor island offices.

As digitization is completed, the digitized files are being uploaded to SHPD's document management system, where they are available on line to state historic preservation division staff. These records will be made available on line through the Hawaii Cultural Resources Management System (HICRIS), which will integrate and make accessible the state historic preservation division's various data bases, its digitized documents, and its geographic information system. The contract with the company that will develop HICRIS, has been executed and is fully funded from prior year appropriations made specifically for that purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.