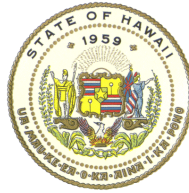
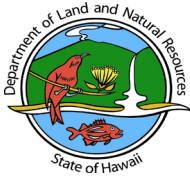


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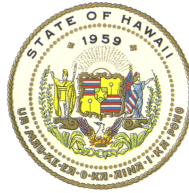
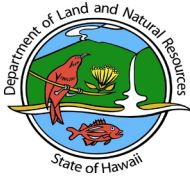
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2757 provides funds for the development of a comprehensive inventory of historic properties and burial sites in the State of Hawai'i and appropriates \$2,100,000 in general funds in FY 23 to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for this purpose.

B&F notes that the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

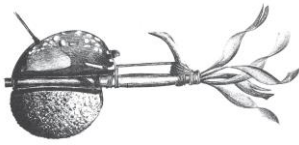
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Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
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The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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HEARING: February 2, 2022, 1:00PM, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

SUBJECT: Testimony regarding SB 2757, Relating to Historic Preservation

I am Mara Mulrooney, President of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 150 members including professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation. On behalf of SHA, **we support SB 2757.**

The intent of SB 2757 is to provide adequate funding and resources that will enable the staff of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to conduct comprehensive inventories of Hawai'i's irreplaceable historic properties and burial sites. The SHPD relies on the documentation submitted in support of reviews for projects and knowledge gained from individuals and the public. These invaluable resources contribute new information to the division's existing data.

SHPD experiences difficulties when collecting data as portions of historic buildings and burial sites are located in undeveloped or restricted areas around the State. SHPD's current database does not provide accurate accounts or comprehensive information due to such restrictions. These difficulties hinder the division's responsibilities to provide key information on a site's location. In many instances, SHPD does not acquire such information until a permit application is addressed.

Therefore, SB 2757 appropriates the adequate funding to SHPD to develop a comprehensive and complete inventory of Hawai'i's historic properties and burial sites. SB 2757 ensures better protection of vulnerable historic properties, and to provide more accountability and transparency in historic preservation compliance, as managed by SHPD.

Should SB 2757 pass out of this committee, we request to be consulted as a stakeholder in future deliberations on an amended bill. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

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