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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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KEITH A. REGAN, STATE COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

H.B. 340 HD1

FEB 16, 2023, 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL
RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 340, HD1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill and wishes to add the following comments for consideration:

1. The interest in the history of Kalaupapa has seen a strong resurgence after generations of disinterest and neglect. Not only are those souls who were exiled to the peninsula to live out the remainder of their lives worth remembering, but so too are those courageous volunteers who risked their own lives in order to bring comfort and care to the population of Kalaupapa. The efforts of these caregivers to bring a sense of humanity back to the residents of Kalaupapa should be honored and

brought back from obscurity

2. Recognition of the efforts of Brother Dutton will provide a unique opportunity for the People of Hawai'i to reflect upon their history, while also increasing awareness and educational opportunities about those who lived at Kalaupapa for both the People of Hawai'i and those visiting our islands.

3. As the Keepers of Public Memory, the State Archives has a rich collection of over one hundred pages of correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and personal journal entries from Brother Dutton. To assist in the education and dissemination regarding the efforts and accomplishments of Brother Dutton, the Public Archives is willing to digitize and place these letters online in order to make them freely, openly accessible from anywhere in the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter

February 16, 2023

AMENDED

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
THE JOSEPH DUTTON GUILD TO

THE COMMITTEE ON

JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

FEB 16, 2023, 2:00 P. M. CONFERENCE ROOM 325, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 340 H.D. 1 RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 340 H.D. 1. I am Patrick Boland, representing the Joseph Dutton Guild. The Guild supports the Sainthood Cause of Joseph Dutton.

The Guild supports this bill. The merits of the bill are expressed very well in the language in Section 1 of the bill, and the Committee report from the Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs. The testimony from the Department of Accounting and General Services is quite insightful. We appreciate and applaud these statements.

In previous testimony we observed that Dutton was a layman and not a member of any religious order. Consequently, the use of the term "Brother" could be confusing. However, he certainly was a brother to all in a fraternal or friendly sense, and he was commonly called "Brother Joseph." Accordingly, we think it appropriate that the term be maintained. We would not want a minor terminology question to impede the establishment of a day to honor this most worthy man..

Section one of the bill includes a statement that Dutton suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. This is highly likely, especially given the fact that after the Civil War he oversaw the disinterment of over 6000 Union soldiers from makeshift battlefield graves to be relocated to national cemeteries. He called it "gruesome work." Although a form of PTSD is likely, it cannot be positively determined. We recommend the sentence be amended as follows:

"Following the Civil War, Ira Barnes Dutton suffered from [post-traumatic stress disorder] a failed marriage, alcoholism, probable post-traumatic stress disorder and other personal problems, leading him on a journey to seek atonement through Catholicism."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2023
2:00 pm
Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama and members of the committee:

In Strong Support of HB 340 HD1

I would like to submit additional information on Brother Joseph Dutton which is not reflected in the bill:

- In 2015 the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu took the first official step in a long and complex road to the possible canonization of Joseph Dutton.
- Joseph Dutton completes the trifecta along with St. Damien and St. Marianne assuming the duties of administrative assistant at Kalaupapa after St. Damien's passing and overseeing the Baldwin Home for men while St. Marianne cared for the Bishop home for women.
- April 27th has double significance as it is not only his birthday, but also the day he was received into the Catholic Church, baptized and changed his name to Joseph, beginning his new life.
- Joseph Dutton is buried next to St. Damien at St. Philomena Church, Kalawao
- After hearing of the work of Father Damien, he gave away all his possessions, made his way by foot to San Francisco, got on a steamer bound for Hawaii and arrived at Kalaupapa in July 1886 where he stayed for the next 45 years.
- There is a statue of Joseph Dutton on the campus of St. Francis School in Manoa and another on Molokai.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2023 10:17:19 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/16/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT: For his years of selfless service to the Hawaiian and Non Hawaiian People of Kalawao and Kalaupapa.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/16/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dara Yatsushiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support! :)

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Submitted on: 2/15/2023 2:38:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/16/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
H. Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill HB340 because it displays gratitude to a hero who devoted his life to the people of Kalaupapa - Brother Joseph Dutton. This bill will also educate the public of the significant history and difficulties the people of Kalaupapa endured and how certain individuals dedicated thier life for the betterment of the people of Kalaupapa.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2023 2:10:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/16/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 340, HD1 as this bill will recognize Joseph Dutton for his sacrifice to humanity and the people of Kalaupapa. His measure represents all that is good in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.