

SB-2588

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Testimony for GVO on 2/15/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Rieth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2588. It will strengthen and make more resilient the state's ability to fulfill its historic preservation obligations. As proposed, these positions would introduce efficiency within DAGS and allow it to better communicate with the SHPD and execute required historic preservation actions. This in turn, should aid the SHPD. Implementation of this bill will be an important step towards supporting and improving the state's responsibility for historic preservation.



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TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Government Operations (GOV)

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee: Thursday, February 15, 2024
3:00 p.m.
Via Video Conference and Conference Room 225

RE: SB 2588, Relating to Historic Preservation

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support for SB 2588, Relating to Historic Preservation.

The bill would appropriate funds for new positions for archaeologists and historic preservation professionals within the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to provide internal subject matter experts to implement the State's historic preservation goals and expedite compliance with state and federal historic preservation laws for projects under DAGS' area of responsibility.

HHF supports efforts to ensure that the State has a robust, functional and well-resourced historic preservation program to meet the legislative intent in HRS 6E-1 that:

“It shall be the public policy of this State to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property, to ensure the administration of such historic and cultural property in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations, and to conduct activities, plans, and programs in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural property.”

While oversight and responsibility for the State's historic preservation program rests with the Department of Land and Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), its role is often reactionary. SHPD's workload is heavily weighted towards review, comment and resolution of effects to historic properties from

Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a statewide nonprofit organization established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.

proposals from others—both public and private entities—rather than affirmatively moving forward with historic property identification and preservation initiatives.

As a result, SHPD relies on project proponents to provide complete submittals for review, to understand the roles and responsibilities for identifying historic and cultural properties, and to propose means to avoid, minimize or mitigate effects of the projects on the resources. When the agencies lack the expertise or understanding to do so, the entire process is slow, inefficient and ineffective.

Most State agencies do not have in-house subject matter experts in archaeology, historic architecture, history or cultural resource management. As a result, the agencies struggle to provide accurate, timely and complete submittals to SHPD for the review and compliance processes. SHPD then spends inordinate amounts of time trying to elicit the appropriate information for a complete submittal package before the review process can even commence. This adds time, cost and frustration to the process. Neither the historic properties nor the proposed project benefit in this scenario.

The bill would address this issue by enhancing and supplementing the capacity at DAGS for professionally qualified administrative staffing to adequately meet legal mandates, to understand and manage the interagency review process and better promote preservation of State properties.

This is an important step to improve the timeliness of reviews for projects, to identify historic properties and features and to reach resolution on the best treatments for historic and cultural resources in State-initiated projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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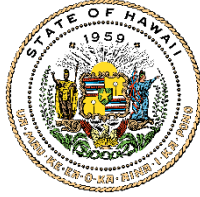
Comments:

I support this measure.

- U'ilani Naipo

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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committees on
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
and
WATER AND LAND

Thursday, February 15, 2024
02:30PM

State Capitol Room 225 & Via Videoconference

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2588
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Senate Bill 2588 would provide funds and creates positions to the Department of Accountings and General Services (DAGS) to carry out its duties more effectively under chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

Senate Bill 2588 establishes four positions in DAGS, three archaeologists and one historic preservation specialist, and provides funding for them. DAGS, as is the case for all State agencies, is required to notify the Department's State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) when a project it is undertaking or funding "has the potential to effect historic property" pursuant to section 6E-8, HRS. DAGS, as is likewise the case for nearly all State agencies, lacks the staffing to effectively meet this statutory mandate. As a result, DAGS is challenged to determine which projects need to be submitted to SHPD and which ones need not be. Furthermore, when DAGS determines that a project must be submitted to SHPD to review, DAGS must rely largely or entirely technical consultants because DAGS's existing staff do not necessarily have the technical qualifications to work with effectively.

This bill would address both problems. With the added staff expertise, DAGS will be better able to make meaningful determinations about which projects to submit to SHPD review as required by section 6E-8,

HRS. When DAGS does determine that a project will have to be subject to SHPD review, DAGS will have the staff to work with both its technical consultants and SHPD to complete project reviews under section 6E-8, HRS, in an effective and timely manner, preserving significant historic properties and delivering projects in a timely manner.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

Appropriates funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) archaeologist positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic preservation specialist position within the Department of Accounting and General Services. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to collaborate with the State Historic Preservation Division. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

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Rona Ikehara-Quebral	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I **support SB2588** and the efforts of Senator Maile Shimabukuro and colleagues. I have worked in Cultural Resource Management in Hawai‘i for over 35 years and have seen the challenges faced by our historic preservation regulatory agencies. This bill will provide crucial funding for an internal historic preservation team at DAGS, rather than relying on contractors. Hiring qualified historic preservation staff within DAGS will enhance the collaboration and communication with SHPD and other agencies, which in turn will promote a more efficient historic preservation process. Mahalo for supporting this bill.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE COMMITTEES ON

**WATER AND LAND
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2588

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Chairs Inouye and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Elefante and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2588.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers comments on S.B. 2588 which appropriates funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) archaeologist positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic preservation specialist position within DAGS. Additionally, S.B. 2588 requires DAGS to collaborate with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

DAGS supports the intent of S.B. 2588 which is to further communication and

collaboration between DAGS and SHPD. For the past few years, DAGS and SHPD have been meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss various ongoing and upcoming DAGS projects. We have found these quarterly meetings to be very helpful and collaborative.

Further, while we believe that having an archaeologist and historic preservation specialist positions within DAGS would be helpful at times, it would be more effective to provide SHPD with the additional archaeologist and historic preservation specialist positions. These new positions would be more effectively utilized on a full-time basis and could be tasked with assisting DAGS and other State agencies to ensure the prompt review and compliance of State projects under the State and Federal Historic Preservation Programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



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TESTIMONY FOR SB 2588

TO: The Thirty-Second Legislature, Regular Session of 2024

DATE: 13 February 2024

James M. Bayman

FROM: James M. Bayman, Professor & Applied Archaeology Coordinator

The passage of SB 2588 to appropriate funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) archaeologist positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic preservation specialist position would greatly strengthen the State of Hawaii's mandate to engage in the appropriate stewardship of its historic properties. Such properties include (but are not limited to) culturally-significant heritage sites, human remains, and archaeological materials. The pace of construction in the wake of economic development impacts such locales, and archaeologists and historic preservation professionals are necessary so that the State can comply with the regulations and legal mandates that require such expertise. I fully support the passage of SB 2588.

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Comments:

I support SB2588 and the efforts of Senator Maile Shimabukuro and colleagues. I have worked in Cultural Resource Management for almost 15 years and know and witnessed the challenges faced by our historic preservation regulatory agencies. This bill will provide crucial funding for historic preservation personnel at DAGS, rather than relying on contractors. Hiring qualified historic preservation staff within DAGS will enhance the collaboration and communication with SHPD and other agencies, which in turn will promote a more efficient historic preservation process. Mahalo for supporting this bill.