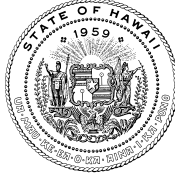


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COMMITTEE ON

CULTURE, ARTS, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

FEB 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 309, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 340

RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY.

Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 340

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 that risked their own lives 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 clipping, and personal journal entries from Brother Dutton. To assist in the education and dissemination about 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 and openly accessible from anywhere in the world.

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

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Aloha Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez and members of the committee:

In Strong Support of HB 340

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.

