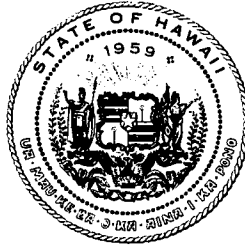


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DEPT. COMM. NO. 13

The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Audit of the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources*.

This audit assessed the Department of Land and Natural Resources' management of the state's historic preservation program. We found the department chair and State Historic Preservation Division administrator failed to uphold their trust duties and instead allowed the exploitation and misuse of the division's limited resources.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. The report will be available at our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and released to the public and press on Thursday, December 19, 2002.

Sincerely,

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State Auditor

Enclosure

c:✓Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk